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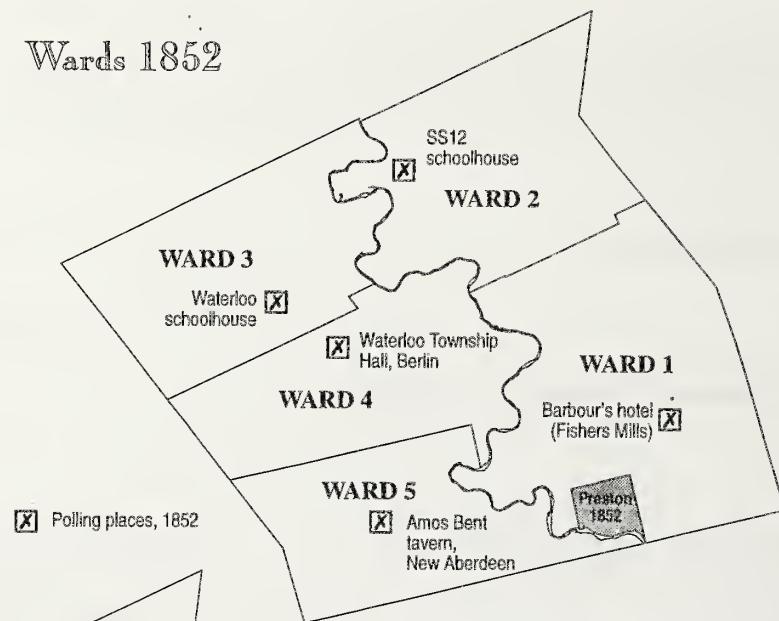
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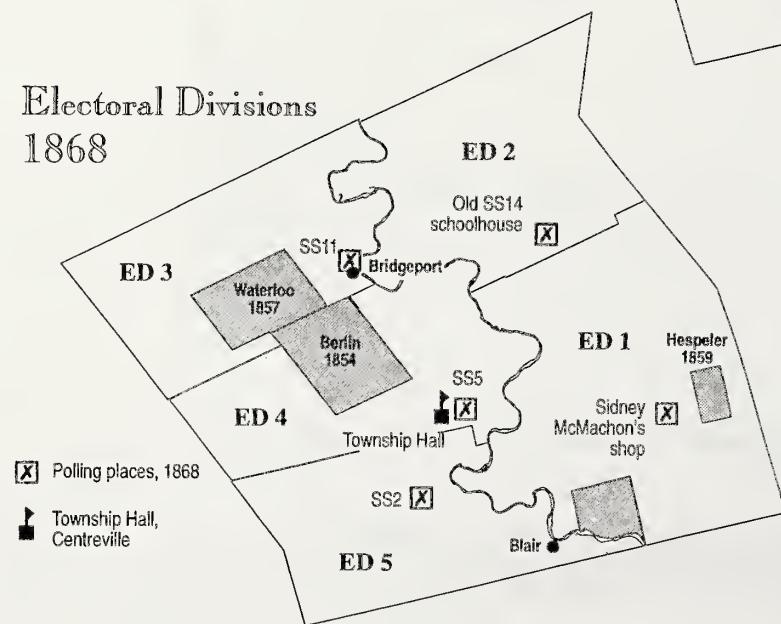
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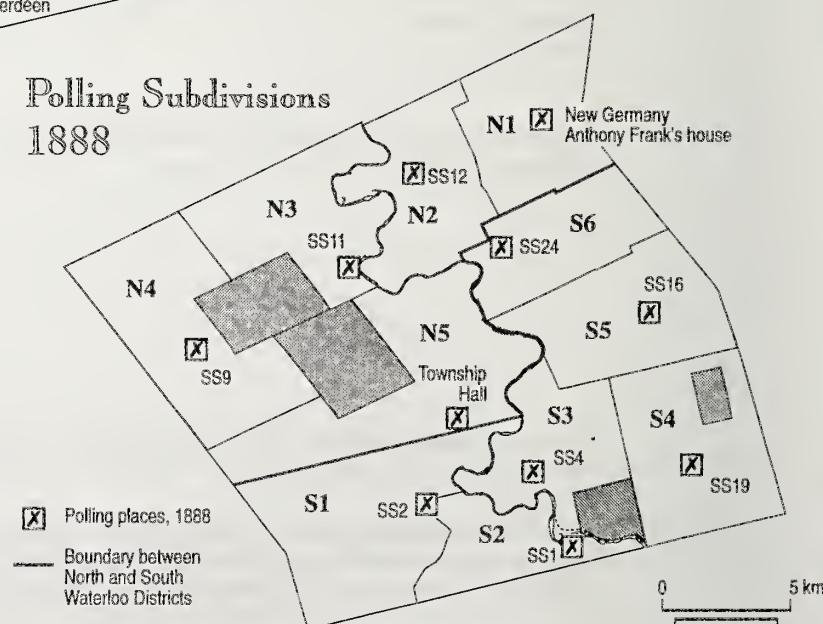
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INTRODUCTION

For its first 50 years, Waterloo Township was marginal in the Upper Canadian system of law, order and government--because it was located at the extreme edge of the settled area and most of its people spoke German. Township people were subject first to a district government based in York (Toronto) until 1816, then to district capitals in Hamilton (until 1841) and Guelph. Only in 1852 did Waterloo Township become the core of an administrative county, when the centrally located village of Berlin was chosen as the seat of government for the new County of Waterloo.

Local Administration before 1850

Until Waterloo Township was incorporated as a municipality in 1850, real power lay with the Court of Quarter Sessions that met four times a year in the district town until 1841, and then with the District Council until 1850. A few township residents served as justices of the peace (JPs) or magistrates, including John Erb, William Ellis, George Clemens, William Scollick and H.W. Peterson.

Local JPs were empowered to call annual town meetings of all resident householders liable to pay rates, mainly to select local officials whose duties were to carry out the provincial and district laws and regulations. The legislation dates from 1793, but we have no evidence of town meetings before Waterloo Township was made part of the Gore District. The township officers included a clerk, assessors, collector, overseers of highways, poundkeepers and town wardens. There was very little scope for self-government, and funds for any public improvements had to be petitioned from the district government. But town meetings gave residents a forum to discuss matters of shared concern.

The first annual meeting for Waterloo Township is said to have been in 1822.¹ Nomination procedures at such meetings were "boisterous in the extreme... The most noisy and forward fellow in the crowd called out some fellow-citizen's name in connection with some office, the crowd shouted their approval, and the clerk wrote down the name. The man was practically installed in his office by this rude process."² Absentees from the meeting could be nominated for offices; if they later declined, amendments and substitutions had to be printed in the local weekly newspapers.

Early town meetings were held at O'Loane's tavern on the Preston-Berlin road. Between 1835 and 1841, they alternated between the

schoolhouse or Gaukel's inn in Berlin one year and Isaac Salyerds' inn or elsewhere in Preston the next. A "Township House" in Berlin is mentioned from late 1836 as a location for township meetings. Among the local men who served as township officers are George Clemens, "clerk of the township" in 1822, who was followed by Jacob Bock for the years 1823 to 1826, Daniel Lutz in 1829, and David Clemens for 1827, 1828, and from 1830 to 1839. The clerk's main duty was to keep a record of the minutes of the town meeting.

More onerous were the tasks of assessors. Samuel Erb and Daniel Snyder were assessors in 1822, followed by Jacob Bock and Samuel Sherk in 1823, David Clemens in 1831, Jacob Lutz in 1837 and 1838, and Daniel Lutz in 1842. The rolls they compiled were sent to the clerk of the peace in the district town for calculating the taxes due. Collectors such as Abraham Erb (1822 and 1823), David Clemens (1836) and Samuel Eby Sr (1837, 1838 and 1839) had to extract these amounts from property-holders.

Overseers of highways (also called pathmasters) had to oversee the system of statute labour, the obligation of every adult male between the ages of 21 and 50 to perform three days' labour annually on the roads in his neighbourhood--personally or sending an able-bodied substitute. At first, pathmasters also had to adjudicate in fence disputes between neighbours but, from 1834, these duties were transferred to a new set of township officers called fenceviewers. Poundkeepers were elected at the town meeting to impound and care for strayed animals.

From 1841, it was possible for township property-holders to elect two representatives to the Wellington District Council which met at Guelph. District councillors tended to be much more responsive and accountable to the people they represented than the JPs had been, especially in promoting improvements such as roads, bridges and schoolhouses. But their powers were circumscribed by the appointed district officials, the need to report all bylaws to the Governor-in-Council, and strict limits on expenditure and powers to tax property. Jonathan B. Bowman and James Cowan, first elected in November 1841, continued to represent Waterloo Township through the 1840s until the end of the district era.

Part A of this report presents information about a sample of the early officials of Waterloo Township before incorporation in 1850.³

Township Self-Government from 1850

At last in 1850, Waterloo Township achieved effective self-government with new powers and officials. In 1852, it also became the core of the new municipality of Waterloo County which lasted until 1972. The powers previously exercised by the Court of Quarter Sessions, and then by the District Council, were divided between the township council and the county council. The Waterloo Township Council set up local administrative machinery and routines that provided order and stability for more than a century.⁴ In the 1850s, leaders of four village communities (Preston, Berlin, Waterloo and Hespeler) chose to form separate municipalities independent of the township council.

How did the people of Waterloo Township govern themselves? What kind of people did they elect as councillors? The annual township meeting in December (November in the twentieth century) nominated men for election and continued many features of the older town meeting. Before and after the actual meeting, people met for informal discussion of domestic, municipal, provincial and national issues. Usually more men were nominated than really intended to stand for election. Any person with a grievance or a proposal would seek or accept nomination so that he could have a hearing in the later part of the annual meeting.

After nominations closed, the real interest of the meeting began. Chaired by the clerk, current members of the council spoke first, then those who had just been nominated, and finally any elector might speak. Out of courtesy, the reeve who was finishing his term of office would explain how he had acted in the township's interests on the county council and, if he was a candidate in the forthcoming election, his views on any issue expected in the new year. The deputy-reeves would give a similar account of themselves. If a reeve and his deputy differed on an important matter, the deputy would make this an issue at the next election and oppose the reeve. After a whole afternoon spent in discussion of municipal policy, nominations which were not seriously intended were cancelled. If there remained two or more candidates for the reeveship, or two or more candidates for any deputy-reeveship, or more than the requisite number of candidates for the office of councillor, then a poll would be demanded.

While anyone might attend the township meeting, only qualified electors could nominate candidates or vote in township elections. An elector had to be male, aged 21 or over, a British subject, and assessed

in the township for \$100 or more. To be eligible for election to the township council, a man had to be a resident, at least 21 years old, a British subject, and a freeholder (with assessed property worth at least \$400) or a householder (of property valued at \$800 or more). Numbers of persons able to vote and stand for office in Waterloo Township may have been reduced by the need for European immigrants to obtain citizenship by naturalization. However, until after the First World War, the requirement to be a British subject was not rigorously enforced.

In 1850 and 1851, all five councillors of Waterloo Township were elected on an equal basis and at their first meeting elected a reeve and deputy-reeve from among their number. From 1852 to 1866, one councillor was elected from each of five wards; at their first meeting of the year, the councillors elected a reeve and deputy-reeve from among themselves. Beginning in 1867, the reeve and two deputy-reeves (with a third deputy-reeve from 1887) were elected directly to those offices by all the township's eligible voters. The ward divisions continued to be used for property assessment and tax collection purposes until the 1940s. Although councillors were not formally elected by wards after 1866, they were effectively drawn from most sections of the township.

For most of the period from 1850 to 1972, elections for the township council effectively provided township representatives to the county council as well. In townships with more than 500 electors, one of the four councillors who was not reeve would be elected deputy-reeve so the township would have two seats on the county council. In a township with over 1,000 electors, one of the three remaining councillors would be elected a second deputy-reeve, and so on, with each additional 500 electors, to a maximum of four deputy-reeves. However, between 1897 and 1906, county councillors were elected directly by the voters in divisions of the county area. After direct elections to county councils were abandoned in 1906, the former system was reinstated except that a municipality was usually represented by the reeve and at most only one deputy-reeve.⁵

Reeves, deputy-reeves or councillors, if unopposed at the end of the nomination meeting, might be acclaimed. But usually there was some need for an election which would be organized on the first Monday in January. The annual elections were sometimes associated with special votes on money bylaws or "referenda" on issues such as prohibition, for example. Polling places were set up in locations throughout the township, usually schoolhouses. The same divisions and polling places

were used for electing provincial and federal members for the North Waterloo and South Waterloo Districts. Voter turnout was generally high compared with the mid-twentieth century, 90 per cent of those eligible voting in township elections in the 1880s. The level in Waterloo Township may have been lowered a little by lack of literacy or confidence in the English language or reflecting Mennonite farmers' convictions that they were "in the world but not of it"? According to tradition and elders' memories, old Mennonites at least voted, if they did not stand for office.

Township Councillors, 1850-1972

In the 123 years that Waterloo Township had its own municipal council, 112 men were elected as councillors. Only men could vote and hold office until the early 1920s, and only men were ever elected. Of these, 44 became reeve or head (30 of them for two years or more), and 68 also represented the township on the Waterloo County Council as reeve or a deputy-reeve. Information about these men is presented in the summary table and profiles of Part B of this report. What kinds of men served as councillors? How representative were they of the whole township?

For most men, being elected a township councillor was the apex of a pyramid of municipal duties. Many more were involved than the five councillors: a total of 162 men had designated roles in township government in 1854 and almost 200 in 1904. In addition, every able-bodied man had to perform statute labour on the roads for at least a few days a year or pay commutation dues. Three trustees were elected in each school section: there were 25 sections in 1865 and 28 by 1900. The few men who became councillors almost certainly had served in a variety of lesser roles such as pathmaster, assessor or trustee.

Table 1 summarizes trends in the length of council service. The mean term on the council tended to increase with each decade, as municipal business became routine and as the farming community stabilized. Between 1850 and the end of the First World War, 72 councillors served on council an average 5.2 years, while the 40 men from 1920 to 1972 were on council for a mean 6.5 years. Men who became township reeve had longer council terms (an average 6.5 years before 1920 and 10.5 years later) and were reeve for an average two years before 1920 and four years later. Eleven councillors active after the First World War (compared with only three earlier) were on the council for ten or more years each.

Table 1: Township Councillors by Years of Service, in Decades

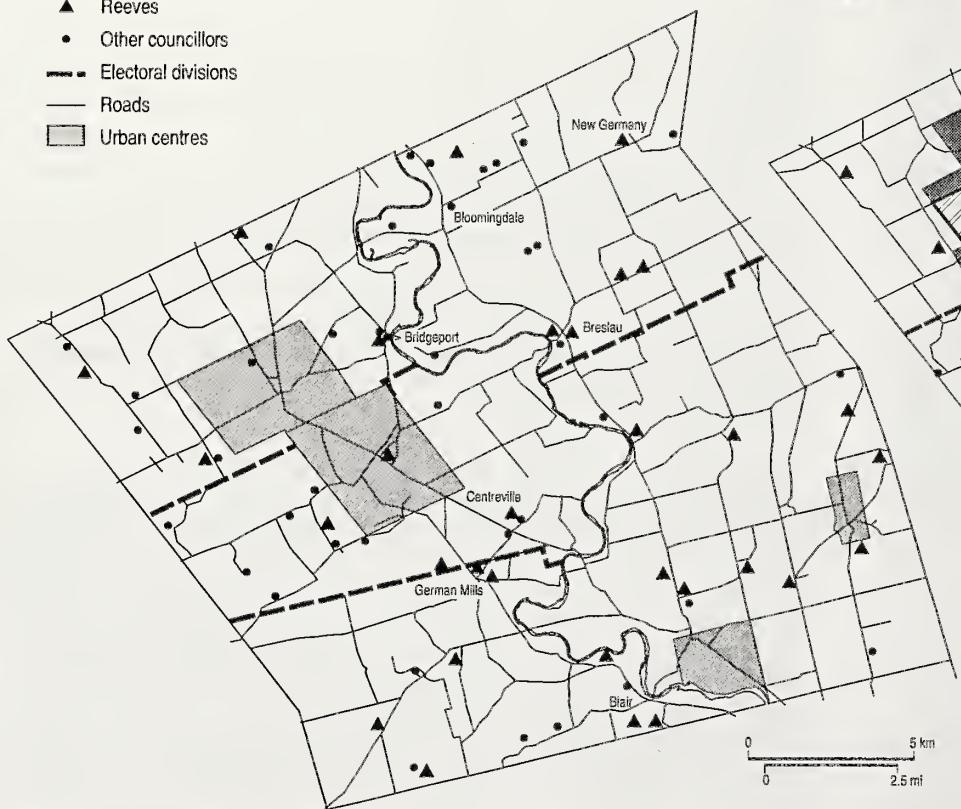
decade	# councillors starting	mean years on council
1850s	15	3.8
1860s	10	5.5
1870s	16	3.5
1880s	9	5.8
1890s	8	6.0
1900s	8	7.8
1910s	6	7.3
1920s	6	7.3
1930s	7	6.9
1940s	11	5.0
1950s	8	8.4
1960-1972	8	3.3

For most of Waterloo Township's history, it was administered by part-time amateurs. Councillors were paid a *per diem* rate for meetings at which their primary responsibility was to see that the actual work of the township was done as ordered. Unlike the other officials, they were not supposed to do any of this work, though their expenses in monitoring the quality of township public works could be reimbursed. Reeves and deputy-reeves could collect commissions and expenses from the county council as well.

Councillors in the first decades of Waterloo Township were significantly above the average in their property values and general prosperity. In the period 1850 to 1880, for example, councillors had more than twice the mean acreage and more than 2.5 times the mean assessed value of all property-holders in the township. Early councillors' households were also notably larger than average, including non-family labourers and servants as well as sons and daughters whose labour made it possible to take time away from their farms for township business. But this pattern gradually weakened. In 1861, 17 past or current councillors ranked among the 100 largest property-owners in the township (seven of them in the top 25). In 1881, the top hundred included 16 councillors (with four in the top 25) and in 1901, 12 councillors ranked in the township's top hundred (five in the top 25). By 1921, nine councillors were among the top hundred (two in the top 25); in 1951, the top hundred included only five councillors; and in 1959 there were only four.

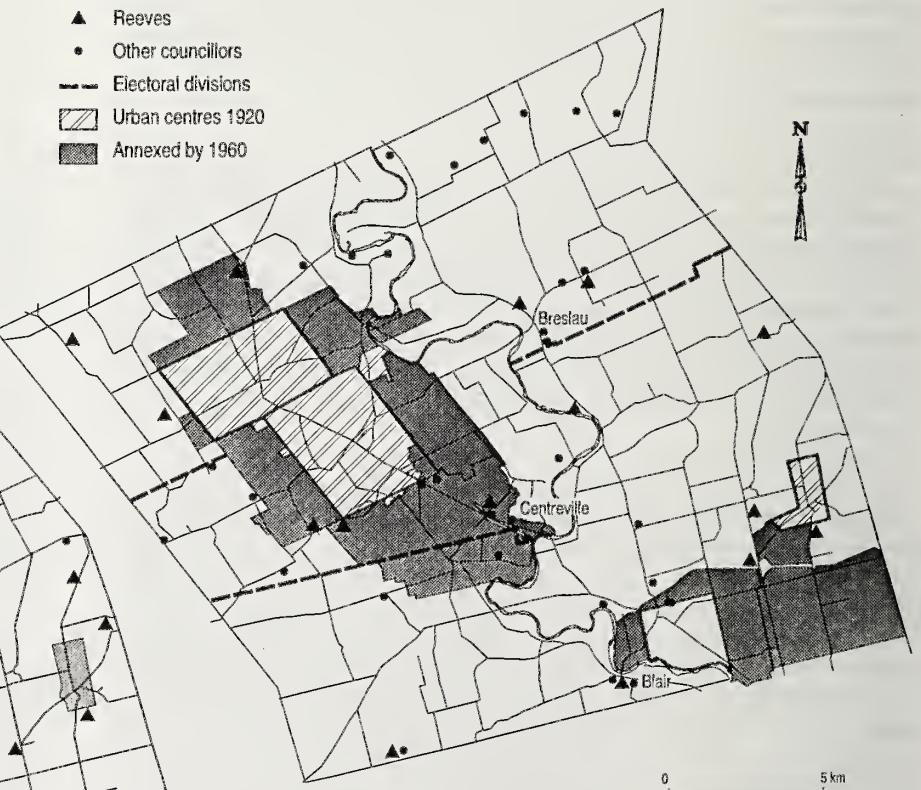
Waterloo Township Councillors 1850-1919

- ▲ Reeves
- Other councillors
- - - Electoral divisions
- Roads
- Urban centres



Waterloo Township Councillors 1920-1972

- ▲ Reeves
- Other councillors
- - - Electoral divisions
- ▨ Urban centres 1920
- ▨ Annexed by 1960



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Table 2: Councillors by Occupation

	1850-1919	1920-1972
Farmer	47	25
Farmer (plus)	11	5
Miller	4	-
Merchant	3	1
Physician	1	-
Veterinary surgeon	2	-
Contractor	3	-
Manufacturer (brick)	1	-
Factory employee	-	4
Manager	-	6
Auctioneer	-	1
Blacksmith	-	1
Drover	-	1
Pump business	-	1
TOTAL	72	45

Table 3: Councillors by Religion, 1850-1919

	1850-1919	1920-1972
Mennonite	33	5
Presbyterian	10	4
Methodist/United	9	9
United Brethren	6	2
Roman Catholic	3	7
Evangelical	3	2
Lutheran	2	3
Swedenborgian	2	1
Baptist	1	3
Christian	1	-
Universalist	1	-
Missionary	-	1
Protestant	-	1
Salvation Army	-	1
None/not known	1	6
TOTAL	72	45

Throughout the history of the municipal township from 1850 to 1972, 66 of 112 councillors described themselves as farmers, while 16 more combined farming with some other business activity (Table 2). In the 1850s, early township councillors had more varied occupations than later; some were notable merchants and millers who also farmed. As the villages formed their own governments and with the decline of milling, farming became virtually the only occupation of councillors from the 1880s. Many farmer-councillors from the 1880s were described as "improving" and "progressive." Domination of the council by farmers continued until the Second World War. Indeed only from 1960 to 1972 did farmers not form a majority on council. Four factory workers, mainly from the zone between Preston and Kitchener, were elected to council between 1947 and 1960, and six councillors in the 1960s were white-collar managers by occupation. But farmers dominated the reeveship: of the fourteen reeves between 1920 and 1972, only one was not a farmer--the auctioneer James Johannes, who was reeve in 1952 and 1953 and from 1956 to 1958.

Before the First World War, township leaders came from founding families. About half the men who served as councillors (or as clerk or treasurer) between 1850 and 1972 were members (descendants in the male line) of 30 pioneer families established in Waterloo Township by 1835. Men from pioneer families were even more prominent among those who served as township reeve--16 of the 21 reeves before 1900 serving 39 of the 50 years. In the twentieth century, between 1900 and 1972, only 11 of the 23 reeves bore the names of the 30 pre-1835 families and they led council in 30 of the 73 years. The strength of the pioneer families was weakened only in the township's last 25 years, when none of the reeves and only three of the councillors belonged to pre-1835 pioneer families.

Although all founding families were originally Mennonite or Tunker members or adherents, only 36 of all the 112 township councillors have been identified as Mennonite (or Tunker) at the time of their public life. Several councillors of Mennonite origin joined the United Brethren, Methodist, Evangelical, Missionary, Swedenborgian or Universalist churches. Other church affiliations of councillors were, in order, Presbyterian, Methodist, Roman Catholic, United Brethren, Evangelical, Lutheran, Baptist and Swedenborgian, with one each Christian, Christadelphian, Missionary and Universalist (Table 3).

When the church affiliations of councillors are compared to the whole township population, it is evident that Mennonites, Presbyterians and Methodists were over-represented before 1920. Forty-six per cent of councillors were Mennonite, approximately twice the Mennonite share of the total township population between the 1850s and the end of World War One. A combination of the smaller denominations--Presbyterians, Methodists, United Brethren, Evangelical, Swedenborgian, Baptist and Christian-together claimed under 30 per cent of the total population but 46 per cent of councillors. No Anglicans were elected to the township council. Roman Catholics and especially Lutherans were under-represented in the first 70 years, with only seven per cent of council seats for between 37 and 48 per cent of the population.

In the twentieth century and especially after 1950, Roman Catholics achieved much better representation with seven councillors (including two reeves) for about one-fifth of the township's people. Lutheran councillors were still very rare, with only three in relation to slightly over one-fifth of the total population. Mennonites decreased their involvement in township government, so that they too became somewhat under-represented. Some members of families who had been originally Mennonite had changed their church allegiance, and total numbers of Mennonites in the township dropped after 1950.

Politics and the Township Council

What induced township councillors to assume such mundane and thankless duties? The honorarium was too small by itself, though it could be useful to pay one's own municipal taxes. Some men may have been moved by a strong sense of duty or a desire for standing, power and influence over others. Self-interest could be a factor, to ensure that one's own corner of the township had adequate services. Being on the council may have been a kind of insurance against a higher tax assessment. One observer in the 1880s considered that the hope of higher political advancement was the main motive. Without it, there was "not a class of capable men...who are either willing or financially able to administer the affairs of the township or the county for the little honor that attaches to such offices. Men do these things for the reward they promise either directly or indirectly; and there is no greater inducement that we can hold out than the hope of rising high in the estimation of party and country. All, of course, cannot rise to great importance, but all can indulge the hope of rising, and in this hope discharge onerous public duties which would otherwise be neglected."⁶

From the early 1850s, Waterloo County was divided for electoral purposes into Waterloo North and Waterloo South. The boundary between the two ridings ran through Waterloo Township, along the Block Line west of the river, then north along the river to the southern boundary of Horning's Tract. Waterloo South consisted of the southern part of Waterloo Township and all of North Dumfries and Wilmot townships and the towns of Galt, Preston, Hespeler and later Ayr. The rest of Waterloo Township was grouped with Wellesley and Woolwich townships and the towns of Berlin, Waterloo, New Hamburg and Elmira in the Waterloo North electoral riding. Between 1850 and 1867, the only Waterloo Township men to represent Waterloo South were Robert Ferrie of Doon Mills (1854-8) and James Cowan (1862-7); none of the men elected for Waterloo North were township residents. After Confederation, township citizens elected members of the Ontario Legislature and the Dominion Parliament from the same ridings. Rural and farm voters tended to support Liberal candidates, in contrast to the Conservative voters in the towns and villages.

How much did party politics matter in local government? In the 1880s, one observer noted, "no man's politics are urged in public as a reason for supporting him, [but] a strong vein of politics runs through township elections especially of reeves and deputy-reeves." The county council was regarded as "a school of which aspirants for parliamentary honours should be graduates. The wardenship is a stepping stone to a seat in parliament."⁷ The warden was elected from whichever political party claimed the largest number of county councillors. So this factor had a bearing on township elections. Politics also played a part on the choice of township assessors, because the electoral roll was derived from the assessment roll. An assessor could both ensure that all supporters of his party were listed and (more critically) omit the names of supporters of the other party, especially electors who were wage-earners or farmers' sons.

Eight men were elected warden of Waterloo County while representing Waterloo Township before 1920, accounting for 14 of the 68 years. They were Dr John Scott (1852-1853 for the township, and 1854-1855 for Berlin), Isaac Clemens (1857-1860), Wendell Bowman (1861), Ephraim Erb (1867), Henry McNally (1878), James P. Phin (1890), Tilman Shantz (1902) and William C. Shaw (1915). Two others who had been on the township council became county wardens while representing another municipality formed out of the township--George

Randall of Waterloo in 1870 and Lewis Kribs of Hespeler in 1883. Of these, only Isaac Clemens fits the model of a graduate of the township and county councils being elected to legislature or parliament. He was the only resident of Waterloo Township to be successful in either riding between 1867 and the end of World War I.

At the township level, party political loyalties would be balanced by other considerations, such as the courtesy of letting a long-serving deputy-reeve or councillor have his turn at the reeveship. The custom of rotating the wardenship of the county around the various county municipalities could affect nominations for reeve, so that a worthy and competent man could become warden. But "honesty, neighborliness and ability" carried weight with the average voter who would "vote for a man residing in his quarter of the township...but demands honesty...and a fair ability." The voters tended to re-elect an experienced man who wished to serve and had made no obvious mistakes. But they were "unmerciful to any dishonesty or blundering if it is brought to light, and brought to light it certainly will be when so many of the electors take so constant an interest in the proceedings of the township council."⁸

By the end of the First World War, township politics and administration seemed to settle into grooves. Nomination meetings were less contentious and acclamations of reeves and councillors more common. After the Second World War, township elections were again more keenly contested though voting participation tended to decline as the non-farm population increased, sinking to a low of 19 per cent of eligible voters in the late 1958 elections. In a plebiscite then, a small majority favoured two-year terms for councillors, to become effective after the 1959 elections. Candidates usually received most votes in the polling places closest to their homes, but support was strongest first for farmers and then for those with proven experience on council.

Theodore H. (Ted) Isley was the only person who served on the Waterloo Township Council after 1920 to represent the area in provincial legislature or federal parliament. Representing the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation (CCF, later renamed the New Democratic Party), Isley scored a surprise victory in 1948, over the Liberal sitting member, N.O. Hipel, and the Conservative Gordon Chaplin, for the Waterloo South seat in the Ontario Legislature. Defeated in the provincial election in late 1951, Isley was nominated next day as deputy-reeve of the township. He later served as township reeve for nine years and as county warden in 1968.

Township Officials (see Part C of this report)

Clerks and treasurers combined their township duties with other business activities and tended to belong to a few families until after the Second World War. When Bridgeport merchant David S. Shoemaker gave up being clerk-treasurer in 1861, the clerk's position was taken by William Tilt (1805-1883) who had settled at Blair as a teacher, merchant and tanner. Tilt's records were "considered as models of municipal system" in the words of his son George A., a Blair dealer in agricultural implements who succeeded his father from 1883 to 1918. He was followed, from 1918 to 1948, by Peter Alba Snider, youngest son of a former councillor and second cousin of two current councillors. The Bridgeport miller Elias Eby was treasurer from 1862 to 1864, then Isaac L. Bowman of Freeport to 1890, followed by Levi Stauffer for one year only. Peter Shirk (1839-1919), who arrived in the township from Lancaster County in the 1860s and operated mills at Bridgeport and Baden, began his long service as treasurer in 1892 and was succeeded in 1912 by his son, George M., until 1928 and his grandson Allen until the end of 1948..

Re-appointing the clerk and treasurer was usually a routine matter, Waterloo Township clerks and treasurers being remarkably durable. The clerk held the key to the smooth working of the whole municipal machine: his long experience and close involvement in every aspect of township administration inevitably gave him authority which could be resented by some councillors. As well as being secretary to the council and all committees and keeper of the township records, the clerk kept the official record of births, deaths and marriages. He made up the jury list, the "road list" (of those liable for statute labour for each pathmaster), and the collector's roll with amounts due for county rate, township rate and school rate.

In 1948-9, Waterloo Township shifted to a more salaried, professional form of management with the appointment of Leslie Bowman as clerk in 1948; he added the treasurer's duties in 1949. When Bowman left to become town clerk of Gananoque at the end of 1951, he was followed from 1952 to 1955 by Harold Jacob Snider who had been a councillor in 1946 and 1947. Snider combined the duties of assessment commissioner and tax collector with being clerk-treasurer before his resignation in December 1955. Gordon Cooper, formerly clerk of Wellesley Township, became township clerk in March 1957 and combined the treasurer's duties as well from 1959 until the demise of Waterloo Township in December 1972.

Notes to Introduction

¹ Waterloo Township Council, Consolidated by-laws of the Township of Waterloo up to the year 1913: to which is appended an historical sketch of the early settlement and subsequent development of the township, and other interesting matter (Preston: Preston Progress, 1913) p.14. The current Township Clerk, George A. Tilt probably compiled the "sketch of early settlement" printed at the beginning of this volume. He acknowledged that part of the sketch was derived from the outline of Waterloo County history published in 1881 [as part of Parsell's Illustrated Atlas] while "the balance was obtained from old settlers, and the official documents in the office of the Township Clerk" (p.16).

² J.M. McEvoy, The Ontario township (Toronto University Studies in Political Science, No.1, 1889), p.19, quoting John Carey of Caradoc Township.

³ For a more detailed account of the administration of Waterloo Township before 1850, see Elizabeth Bloomfield, Waterloo Township through two centuries (Waterloo Historical Society, 1995), chapter 4.

⁴ For an analysis of municipal administration and politics in Waterloo Township from 1850 to 1972, see Bloomfield, Waterloo Township through two centuries (1995), chapter 6 and 11.

⁵ For two years after they ceased to have a function on the Waterloo County Council, three deputy-reeves were elected from Waterloo Township. From 1899 to 1906 there were no deputy-reeves on the Waterloo Township Council. When the divisional system of representation was abandoned, in time to elect the 1907 county council, Waterloo Township elected one deputy-reeve as well as its reeve. Later, between 1923 and 1931 inclusive, a second deputy-reeve was also elected.

⁶ McEvoy, The Ontario township, p.42.

⁷ McEvoy, The Ontario township, p.30.

⁸ McEvoy, The Ontario township, p.30.

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All references in the Waterloo Regional Project's bibliography (WRPBib), cemetery transcriptions, the Historical Atlas of 1881, Eby's A biographical history, Pepper's index to Hannes Schneider, and manuscript census microfilms have been consulted. All possible resources at KPL and OCCA have been used; municipal offices have also been canvassed.

Under Sources for each biography, we give details of vertical files, obituaries, census, and photo locations in which information was found. Direct quotes in the Notes and other sections of each biography are attributed in brief form to the obituary or other source.

Frequently Cited Sources and Abbreviations:

Standardized abbreviations are explained in the following list:

AO	Archives of Ontario
BDT	<u>Berlin Daily Telegraph</u>
BNR	<u>Berlin News Record</u>
CDR	<u>Cambridge Daily Reporter</u>
CER	<u>Cambridge Evening Reporter</u>
DN	<u>Daily News (Berlin)</u>
DR	<u>Daily Record (Berlin)</u>
DReformer	<u>Dumfries Reformer</u>
GDR	<u>Galt Daily Reporter</u>
GER	<u>Galt Evening Reporter</u>
GR	<u>Galt Reporter</u>
GSR	Grace Schmidt Room of Local History, KPL
GWR	<u>Galt Weekly Reporter</u>
HA	Waterloo County Hall of Fame files
KDR	<u>Historical atlas of Waterloo County</u> (1881)
KWR	<u>Kitchener Daily Record</u>
KPL	<u>Kitchener-Waterloo Record</u>
MLJ	<u>Kitchener Public Library</u>
NHI	<u>Maple Leaf Journal</u>
obit	<u>New Hamburg Independent</u>
OCCA	obituary
OHT	City of Cambridge Archives
Signet	Oral History Tape (at KPL or OCCA)
vf	<u>Elmira Signet</u>
watco cb	vertical file
WC	Waterloo County collected biography in vf at KPL
	<u>Waterloo Chronicle or Chronicle-Telegraph</u>

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PART A: EARLY OFFICIALS BEFORE INCORPORATION OF WATERLOO TOWNSHIP IN 1850

Note: not a complete list of all who must have shared in rudimentary local administration while Waterloo Township was subject to the Gore District and the Wellington District, before its municipal incorporation in 1850.

from	to	name	born	died	religion	occupation	land	township service
1822	1822	Clemens, George	1777	1863	Mennonite	Farmer	According	Clerk 1822
1822	1823	Erb, Abraham	1772	1830	Mennonite	Miller	Bought	Tax Collector in 1822, 1823.
1822	1822	Erb, Samuel	1792	1878	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT45/GCT	One of two Assessors in 1822-Daniel Snider was the other
1823	1826	Bock, Jacob	1789	1867	Mennonite	Farmer Potter	GCT118	Clerk 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826; was also an Assessor with Samuel Sherk in 1823; and an Assessor in Wilmot Tp in 1843 and 1844
1823	1823	Sherk, Samuel	1792	1874	Tunker	Farmer		Assessor in 1823 with Jacob Bock
1827	1838	Clemens, David	1791	1852	None	Farmer	GCT119E	Clerk 1827, 1828, 1830-1838; in 1836 he was also tax collector, a position that Eby says he may have held for several years
1829	1842	Lutz, Daniel	1798	1870	Tunker	Weaver	BBF16	Clerk 1829; Assessor 1842; "In 1830 Daniel Lutz was appointed"
1841	1841	Bowman, Samuel B. "Miller Sam"	1802	1883	Mennonite	Farmer/Miller	BOS6	238 Councillor in 1841
1842	1849	Cowan, James	1803	1900	Presbyteri	Farmer	BLB2-1/2	550 Township Councillor from 1842 to 1849, representing the Township at the District of Wellington.
1842	1850	Bowman, Jonathan B.	1792	1876	Universal	Farmer	WT9E	Township Councillor from 1842 to 1849, representing the Township at the District of Wellington. Then first Reeve of Waterloo Township.

PROFILES OF EARLY OFFICIALS BEFORE 1850

BOCK, JACOB

Township Council: Clerk 1823, 1824, 1825, 1826; was also an Assessor with Samuel Sherk in 1823; and an Assessor in Wilmot Tp in 1843 and 1844

Born: 1789, Feb 18 Died: 1867, Mar 18

Family: son of Frederick and Mary Reichart

Address: First stayed at Freeport, at the home of his uncle, Christian Reichart; later moved to New Dundee where he took up farming

Occupation: Farmer; Potter

Origin: Lancaster Co, PA

Spouse: Catharine Shupe (1798-1869)

Children: Levi; John; Mary (m. Peter

Hamacher); Elizabeth (m. George Demstead);

Catharine (m. William Bechtel); Magdalena;

David; Rebecca (m. Abraham Bechtel); Jacob;

Benjamin; Gideon; Samuel; Frederick; Ezra;

Susannah (m. John Rosenberger)

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT118; Wilmot Tp Block A, Conc 4, Lot 9

Locality: Freeport

Organizations: Blenheim Mennonite Church

Notes: Came to Canada "when a mere lad and resided with uncle, Christian Reichart, at

Freeport" (Eby)

* 1812 - pressed into being a teamster (Snyders)

* 1816, Oct 16 - Samuel Bricker sold Jacob 45 acres of GCT118

* 1822-1825 - produced pottery, notably a straight-sided jar, the earliest known marked piece of Ontario pottery

* In 1841 he was ordained the first deacon in Blenheim Mennonite Church, an office he held until his death.

* 1844 - Superintendent of Common Schools for Wilmot Township, a task he described as "a very critical, harassing, difficult, unprofitable and likewise responsible

business...but I still expect to get through with credit to myself and without incurring any penalty" (WHS1962 50:93)

* Three Bock brothers played in New Dundee Band by 1848 - Jacob the trumpet, Levi the flute, Ben the clarinet (More than a century)

Sources: 60 years of progress; WHS 1982; Blair/Doon Tweedsmuir; Eby #1130; Early Ontario potters; More than a century; WHS1962 50:93

BOWMAN, SAMUEL B. "MILLER SAM",

Township Council: Councillor in 1841

Born: 1802, Feb. 6 Died: 1883, Nov. 17

Family: son of Rev. Joseph and Mary Baer; brother of Wendell qv

Address: Blair

Occupation: Farmer/Miller

Origin: Berks Co, PA

Migration date: 1816

Spouse: Elizabeth Baumann

Children: Joseph B.; Nancy (m. Allan Bowman); Isaac B.; Noah B.; Eliza (m. Simeon P. Bowman); Maria (m. John Gerrie) ; Lydia (m. Rev. Richard Hobbs)

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: BOS6

Acres: 238

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Hagey Mennonite Church, Preston

Notes: "He was a practical miller as well as a farmer, and in his time did a large business among the farming community." His farm is held by family descendants, but "the mills are now owned by Mr Hilborn" (Eby). He built a second grist mill in Blair in 1846, first known as Carlisle Mills that used the water twice. The mill was gutted by fire in 1928 and later rebuilt. The mill had "some of the finest pine lumber upon which I have set my eyes. Samuel B. Bowman owned a fine tract of virgin pine" (Harry S. Kinzie WHS1954 42:8)

* According to the election results for the first township council(Snyders p.176C), Samuel B. Bowman received the largest number of votes in late 1849, but resigned shortly afterwards, so that another election was held.

* He was a trustee of Hagey Mennonite Church with David Snyder and Henry Bechtel when land was conveyed by John Hilborn in 1842 to build the church. Also a trustee of Blair school.

* Obit in Dumfries Reformer commented: " He

was a man far above the average in intelligence, and was possessed of a fund of information bearing on the early history of the county"

* Note another Samuel B. Bowman, born in 1803 in Berks Co., married Nancy Burkholder, living near Bloomingdale on WT5 (Schweitzers v.5)

Sources: Snyders; Eby #249; obit Dumfries Reformer 22/11/1883p2; WHS1954 42:8.

CLEMENS, DAVID,
 Township Council: Clerk 1827, 1828, 1830-1838; in 1836 he was also tax collector, a position that Eby says he may have held for several years
Born: 1791, Nov. 3 **Died:** 1852, April 8
Address: 1833-35 he lived in Berlin; then moved to a farm later owned by John K. Devitt, and then moved to the Preston area; there was a letter for him at the Preston Post Office in 1841 (Snyders)
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: PA, Montgomery County
Children: Louisa (m. Stauffer Clemens); Lucinda (m. Abraham Master); William; Samuel
Religion: None
Landholdings: GCT119E in 1831AR
Locality: Natchez
Notes: As Township Clerk in 1837 he put a notice in the Dec. 3 issue of Canada Museum for a meeting Dec. 12th to discuss the erection of a new district and selection of a district town (WHS39).
Sources: Eby #1915; WHS1939 27:64; Snyders

CLEMENS, GEORGE,
 Township Council: Clerk 1822
Born: 1777, July 17 **Died:** 1863, August 10
Family: son of George and Elizabeth Carlisle (Eby)/ son of George and Catherine Carlisle (WHS1929 17:125)
Address: About a mile east of Preston, on the road from Preston to Breslau (Speedsville); later known as the Herbert Weber property (WHS1955 43:24)
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: PA, Chester County
Migration date: 1801/1800 (WHS1913 1:11) there is admitted confusion over the date (WHS1921 9:164)
Spouse: Esther Stauffer died in 1836; apparently she had 4 children before she was 21 and 18 in total before she died at 46; Elizabeth Bechtel, widow of David Histand; married in 1840
Children: Elizabeth; Levi; Mary; Harriet; George S.; Isaac; Mary Ann (m. Peter Erb Jr); Wilhelmine (m. Abraham Erb); Stauffer; Maria (m. Valentine Limprecht); Nancy (m. John L. Erb); John; William; Daniel; Oliver; Rachel (m. John Zink); Lewis; Amos; born Jan. 12, 1835
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: According to Ivan Groh, when Clemens first arrived in Waterloo Township, he bought 300 acres which had increased to 1,000 by his death. In 1833 he bought 200 acres on the north side of the Pine Bush Road 2 miles E of Preston, where Clearview School (SS 19) now is (WHS1964). According to Earl Werstine, he owned 9 farms along the Preston/Hespeler road.
Locality: Clearview
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 19, Clearview Preston Mennonite Church
Notes: A man of whom myths are made: he is reputed to be the first person to drive a team through the Beverly Swamp, and was a

bachelor when he first arrived in the Township. "He afterwards earned great prominence and popularity in the community by his creditable participation in public affairs" (Historical Atlas) and appears to have been something of a role model for younger men. A.B. Sherk describes him as "the successful farmer, the shrewd financier and the honorable business man. He was admired for his ready wit and cutting sarcasm" (WHS1915 3:18). According to D.N. Panabaker "it is said he maintained his tall and erect manly bearing to the end. When quite an old man, he delighted to associate with men of the younger and active generation, discussing with them the vital questions of the day, and taking a deep interest in the enterprises of his juniors. He acquired a snug little fortune, and had the capacity to handle it up to the time of his death" (WHS1921 9:166). He was a school commissioner in 1843 (WHS1979). He is buried in the Blair Cemetery (WHS)/Preston Community Cemetery (WHS1964 52:32)

* According to Otto Klotz, he became one of the wealthiest of the early settlers and one of the most respected (WHS1972). He operated or leased a sawmill in Chicopee with Joshua S. Bowman from 1865 to 1868, the latter being the active party (WHS1918 6:22).

* His first four children died of cholera in 1813. His son Isaac became the first MPP for Waterloo South.

Sources: Historical atlas; Eby #1730; WHS1929 17:125; WHS1913 1:11; WHS1921 9:164; WHS1955 43:24; WHS1964 52:32; WHS1915 3:18; WHS1921 9:166; WHS1918 6:22; WHS1972 50:15; OCCA vf

COWAN, JAMES,
Township Council: Township Councillor from 1842 to 1849, representing the Township at the District of Wellington.
Born: 1803 **Died:** 1900, May 22
Family: son of Thomas Cowan, who died in 1833
Address: BLB2-1/2, Clochmhor, 550 acres; Galt, "Craigielea", retired to in 1886 (Galt Reporter 28/4/1882 p1)
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: Scotland, Peeblesshire
Migration date: May 26, 1834 (wedding date)
Spouse: Helen Laing
Children: Thomas, 1835-1898; Isabella, 1837-1876 (m. James Deans); William, 1840-1922; Margaret, 1842-1928; James Laing, 1846-1936; Arthur B., 1847-1922; Margaret; Thomas
Religion: Presbyterian
Politics: Liberal; Conservative
Landholdings: BLB2-1/2
Acres: 550
Locality: Clearview
Organizations: Knox's Presbyterian Church, Galt
Galt Mechanics' Institute
Galt Subscription and Circulating Library
South Waterloo Agricultural Society
Galt Foundry and Machine Works
Cowan and Co., Galt
Notes: Member of Parliament from 1860 to 1867. In 1858 he ran against George Alexander in the Gore District as a Reformer, but lost the election. In 1860 he won the election for Reformers against Jacob Hespeler, and again in 1863 over William Robinson. In 1867, Cowan's name was substituted on the ticket by James Young. Cowan was nominated by the Conservatives, but Young won the election regardless. Cowan was a supporter of Mr Durand, a Reform candidate, but later developed a growing disaffection for George

Brown and a growing admiration for John A. Macdonald.

* Bought BLB2-1 in 1834 from Isaac Master for 475 pounds and 5 shillings dower money. He imported improved breeds of sheep such as the Leicesters, Shropshires and Cheviots, and raised short-horned cattle. Cowan was the first man in this area to plant a ten-acre field of potatoes.

* He helped organize the Galt Subscription and Circulating Library in 1836 and was one of three vice presidents of the Galt Mechanics Institute when it was formed in 1853.

* He supported Rev. John Bayne in the formation of Knox's Presbyterian Church during the Disruption. He was made a member of that church in 1855, and was subsequently session clerk, an office he held until he died. He said he would rather be a trustee than an elder "because I could manage the siller better."

* Cowan was first vice president of the Agricultural Society of the County of Waterloo, founded in 1853 and forerunner of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society. He was one of two representatives sent to Hamilton in 1846 to help form the Provincial Agricultural Association and Board of Agriculture for Canada West.

* In 1853, Cowan bought an interest in the agricultural implement manufacturing firm of Lutz and Cook, which became Lutz and Cowan when Cook was killed in the foundry. When the business was sold to Cameron and Co., Cowan retained an interest, and when Cameron died in 1879 the foundry became Cowan and Co. Though James was the senior partner, his sons managed the foundry.

* Later he became a Dominion Arbitrator during the Macdonald administration and then Dominion Referee, settling more than 1500 cases in one year. He was acclaimed for his

even-handed justice. He opined that credit and whiskey were the curse of the country, and he paid cash for everything.

* From the interview when he was 97: "he points with pride to his efforts towards funding the clergy reserve and municipal grant for school purposes in his township. He has had to do with all notable public enterprises of the district, including the first railway into Galt. The herculean, though futile efforts he put forth to create Galt the County Town will never be forgotten." Galt citizens put up \$600 to send Cowan and Absalom Shade to Montreal to "interview the government" and help Galt in its cause (Uttley)

Sources: WHS1966 54:8 with photo; Galt Reporter 28/4/1882p1; KPL vf watco cb; photo in Wilson, p. 24, under Galt Foundry and Machine Works; interview with him in the Galt Daily Reformer, 21/12/1899 p8

ERB, ABRAHAM,
Township Council: Tax Collector in 1822, 1823.
Born: 1772, July 12 **Died:** 1830, Sept 6
Family: 4th son of Christian and Maria Scherch, younger brother of John Erb
Address: GCT, Lots 14 and 15, 900 acres; 172 King St S. ("the Kumpf House"), one of the first houses in Waterloo: Erb bought the property in 1805, and later built a house
Occupation: Miller
Origin: PA, Lancaster County
Migration date: 1806
Spouse: Magdalena Erb
Children: Benjamin (died at age 7); adopted Barnabas Devitt; adopted Rachel Vincent/Winson (m. Jacob Bomberger)
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: Bought 900 acres in 1805 (WHS1957 45:60); bought lots 14, 15, 27, 29, 55, 69, 77, 102, 135, 152 of the GCT: numbers 1-128 were farms of 448 acres, all other numbers were 83 acre farms (WHS1934 22:91)
Locality: Waterloo
Organizations: Union Mills, Waterloo
Notes: Founder of Waterloo. He built a sawmill a few years following his arrival in 1806, and a flour mill in 1816. The mill was later sold to Jacob C. Snider. In 1828 Erb sold five and a half acres to the Township of Waterloo for a school for the price of five pounds and left a legacy a year later for educational purposes. Erb's unwillingness to sell his land is said to have slowed the growth of Waterloo. His widow later married Benjamin Eby.
Sources: Eby #2834; WHS1957 45:60; WHS1934 22:91

ERB, SAMUEL,
Township Council: One of two Assessors in 1822-Daniel Snider was the other
Born: 1792, Jan. 4 **Died:** 1878, June 26
Family: eldest son of John and Magdalena Schrantz
Address: The farm, later owned by Israel Snider was 2 miles SE of Berlin (Centreville); Later the family moved to Norwich, Oxford County, where Samuel died.
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: PA, Lancaster Co
Migration date: 1805
Spouse: Mary Lewis
Children: John L.; Nancy Ann (m. John Emery); Samuel L.; Margaret (m. Titus G.S. Nevills); Abraham L.; Joseph L.; William L.; Nelson L.; Jared L.; Henry L.; Levi L.
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT45/GCT30/GCT5E in 1831
Locality: Centreville
Organizations: Canada Museum und Allgemeine Zeitung
Notes: Samuel (or son S.L.) established a sawmill and woodenware mill on Beaver Creek near Erbsville in 1845 (WHS1918 6:20). He also signed a petition in 1848, requesting that a township hall be built in Berlin, and contributed money to the foundation of the Canada Museum in 1835.
Sources: 1851 census; Eby #2781; WHS1918 6:20; WHS1962 51:54

LUTZ, DANIEL,

Township Council: Clerk 1829; Assessor 1842;
"In 1830 Daniel Lutz was appointed"

Born: 1798? **Died:** 1870?

Family: brother to Jacob

Occupation: Weaver

Origin: Philadelphia

Migration date: 1820

Spouse: Deborah Bolton

Children: Rebecca (m. John Wildsong); Jacob;
Susan; Harriet (m. Benjamin Jahn); Lydia (m.
Jacob Bebbler); Daniel

Religion: Tunker

Landholdings: BBF16

Locality: Freeport Strasburg

Notes: In 1823 Samuel Bricker sold 38 acres
of lot 1, Bricker's Lot, to Daniel Lutz; also
in 1823, 49 acres of BBF16 were sold to Lutz
(WHS1934 22:119); according to Eby, a Daniel
Lutz settled a little below Strasburg in
Biehn's Tract. Later went to Flamboro where
kept a hotel, but returned to Strasburg at
the end of life.

* Candidate for School Commissioner in 1841
(Snyders p.84)

Sources: Wellington minutes; WHS1934 22:119;
Snyders; Eby #4271

SHERK, SAMUEL,

Township Council: Assessor in 1823 with
Jacob Bock

Born: 1792, April 19 **Died:** 1874

Family: Son of John and Elizabeth/nephew and
stepson of Joseph, who married his brother's
wife

Address: E side of the Grand River about two
miles S of Breslau (Eby)

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: PA, Franklin County

Migration date: 1800/settled near Breslau in
1815 (WHS1920 8:137)

Spouse: Magdalena Break

Children: Elizabeth (m. Henry Simmons); Eli;
Levi; Samuel, Rev.; Adam; John; Amos;
Abraham, Rev.; David B., Rev.; Christian, Rev.

Religion: Tunker

Locality: Breslau

Notes: In 1866 he moved near Caledonia, Kent
County, Michigan

Sources: Eby #5598; WHS1920 8:137

PART B: WATERLOO TOWNSHIP COUNCILLORS: 1850-1972

from	to	name	yrs	yrss	born	died	religion	occupation	land	acres	locality
1850	1850	Bowman, Jonathan B.	1	1	1792	1876	Universalist	Farmer	WT9E	200	Bloomingdale
1850	1852	Davidson, George	3		1812	1881	Presbyterian	Farmer/Busines	BT10/12	288	New Aberdeen
1850	1864	Eby, Elias	1		1810	1878	Mennonite	Miller (1851)	GCT71	160	Bridgeport
1850	1852	Snider, Elias	3	1	1815	1890	Mennonite	Grist mill	BET/GCT7/GCT12/GCT	688	German Mills
1850	1858	Snider, Henry	8		1811	1877	Mennonite	Farmer/miller	WTOxbow	275	Bloomingdale
1851	1861	Clemens, Isaac	11	7	1815	1880	Methodist	Farmer	BLB1-8/9	200	Maple Grove
1851	1860	Shantz, Samuel	8		1811	1892	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT39	241	Elmdale
1852	1853	Scott, John	2	2	1814	1856	Swedenborgian	Physician	Berlin		Berlin
1853	1855	Peddar, Thomas	3		1805	c187	Baptist	Farmer	BOS8-W	105	English
1854	1857	Snyder, Daniel	5		1797	1884	Mennonite?	Merchant	GCT51		Waterloo
1856	1856	Hassan, James	1		1809	1886	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT98	78	New Germany
1856	1858	Henderson, Thomas	3		1811	1892	Presbyterian	Farmer	BNS2E	100	English
1858	1860	Devitt, Barnabas	3		1807	1891	Mennonite	Farmer/Miller	GCT9	128	Bridgeport
1859	1861	Bowman, Wendell	3	1	1806	1876	UBrethren	Farmer	BOS3/4	42	Blair
1859	1860	Erb, Cyrus	2		1831	1916	Mennonite	Miller	GCT114	160	Breslau
1861	1863	Bowers, Cyrus	3	1	1816	1889	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT19		Elmdale
1861	1862	Burkholder, Daniel	2		1812	1891	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT72 GCT125	224	Bridgeport
1861	1869	Erb, Ephraim B.	9	6	1829	1911	Mennonite	Commission	GCT46-NR	109	Breslau
1861	1863	Martin, Samuel D.	3	1	1820	1903	Mennonite	Farmer License	BBF23/26?	50	Pine Grove
1862	1878	McNally, Henry	14	5	1824	1908	Mennonite	Farmer	BOS11	154	Blair
1863	1871	Erb, John L.	7		1818	1878	Methodist	Farmer	GCT45	218	Erbsville
1864	1868	Henry, William	5		1811	1880	Christian	Farmer	GCT91	160	Kossuth
1864	1895	Quickfall, Richard M.	2		1833	1910	Methodist	Farmer	GCT6E	224	Bridgeport
1864	1869	Randall, George	6		1832	1908	Presbyterian	Contractor	GCT19/GCT20/GCT21	263	Elmdale
1869	1872	Clemens, Joel	4	1	1821	1905	Mennonite	Farmer	BBF21	168	Maple Grove
1870	1874	Betzner, Jacob S.	5	2	1838	1899	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT106	210	Shantz Station
1870	1870	Snider, Jacob S.	1		1819	1907	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT67S	218	Bloomingdale
1871	1871	Brubacher, Henry S.	1		1824	1893	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT57	473	Breslau west
1872	1872	Burkholder, Isaac E.	1		1841	1872	UBrethren	Farmer	GCT72	224	Bloomingdale
1872	1873	Eshelman, Moses	2		1824	1912	UBrethren	Farmer Agent	BOS9	199	Blair
1872	1872	Shantz, Isaac E.	1		1839	1908	Mennonite	Merchant			Bridgeport
1872	1878	Woolner, Isaac H.	7		1824	1896	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT46	179	Nine Pines
1873	1876	Kribs, Lewis	4	1	1829	1908	Presbyterian	Contractor/bui	BLB3-8/13	125	Hespeler
1873	1874	Stauffer, Levi	2		1839	1909	UBrethren	Farmer/Insuran	GCT33	211	Rummelhardt
1874	1874	Wismer, Moses E.	1		1846	1921	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT54/BET	163	Centreville
1875	1879	Halter, Edward	5	1	1834	1917	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT82/GCT83	168	New Germany
1875	1876	Kraft, Moses	2		1833	1907	Mennonite	Farmer/Stock	GCT112	272	Bridgeport
1877	1891	Groh, Isaac	8	5	1829	1901	Mennonite	Farmer	BLB3-6/7/11;	195	Clearview
1877	1883	Kraft, Aaron	7		1835	1897	Mennonite	Farmer/Miller	GCT42	231	Rummelhardt
1879	1885	Snider, Tilman B.	7	2	1850		None	Farmer/miller/	BET	230	German Mills
1879	1879	Snyder, Benjamin S.	1		1835	1911	Mennonite	Farmer	WT6/7/Oxbow	224	Bloomingdale
1880	1887	Shafer, William	8		1839		Evangelical	Farmer	GCT20 SW	200	Elmdale
1880	1886	Snider, Josiah	7	1	1851	1922	Mennonite	Farmer/drover	WT6/7	267	Bloomingdale
1884	1890	Phin, James P.	7	4	1841	1901	Methodist (New	Farmer	BLB3-13	400	Hespeler
1884	1892	Shantz, Tilman S.	8	2	1850	1913	Evangelical	Farmer/breeder	GCT9 NE	128	Martin's
1886	1894	Mitchell, William	3		1842	1909	Presbyterian	Farmer	GCT30	150	Erbsville
1887	1887	Snyder, William	1		1849	1937	UBrethren	Farmer	GCT67 GCT71	110	Bloomingdale
1888	1894	McKay, John Finlay	7		1847	1924	Methodist	Farmer/stock	GCT77	156	Bloomingdale
1888	1891	Shoemaker, Alexander	4		1836	1908	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT19/36	224	Nine Pines
1888	1895	Sipes, John Nelson	7	3	1842	1928	Mennonite (AR	Farmer	BOS4	291	Blair
1891	1903	Koehler, Louis	8	2	1845	1931	Lutheran	Farmer	GCT43/44	123	Rummelhardt
1892	1893	Cowan, William	2		1840	1922	Presbyterian	Veterinary	BLB3-2	275	Clearview
1892	1894	Shoemaker, David M.	3		1839	1920	Swedenborgian	Saw and grist	GCT48	146	Nine Pines
1894	1898	Hagey, Joseph B.	5	2	1848	1924	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT126	200	Riverbank
1895	1898	Hertel, Herman	5		1849	1922	Mennonite	Building	GCT54	20	Centreville
1895	1899	Weber, Noah	5	1	1835	1925	NMennonite	Farmer/miller	BT7	267	Strasburg
1896	1901	Schaefer, Frederic	6	2	1849	1944	Lutheran	Blacksmith	GCT114		Breslau
1899	1920	Jansen, August	14	3	1849	1933	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT54	105	Centreville

from	to	name	yrs	ryrs	born	died	religion	occupation	land	acres	locality
1900	1905	Amos, John	6	2	1858	1919	Presbyterian	Farmer	GCT151	83	Doon
1900	1907	Reist, Owen	8	2	1866	1931	Methodist	Veterinary	GCT89	280	Kossuth
1902	1909	Shantz, Samuel E.	8	2	1859	1938	Methodist	Farmer	GCT50/GCT47	227	German Mills
1902	1919	Snyder, Joseph S.	8		1851	1931	Mennonite	Farmer	WT9	200	Bloomingdale
1905	1911	Stauffer, Josiah S.	7	2	1864	1925	UBrethren	Farmer	GCT33	180	Rummelhardt
1906	1913	Abra, Joseph	8	2	1849	1927	Presbyterian	Farmer	BNS6	100	Doon
1908	1917	Hallman, Abraham C.	9	2	1858	1918	Mennonite	Farmer/breeder	GCT106/107	161	Breslau
1908	1915	Shaw, William Cowan	8	2	1855	1942	Presbyterian	Farmer	BLB3-7/8	170	Hespeler
1912	1919	Groff, Amos M.	6		1868	1948	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT7/GCT9	151	Martin's/Lexington
1914	1926	Veitch, Robert J.	10	1	1865	1943	Presbyterian	Farmer	BNS6/7	149	Roseville
1916	1917	Willson, Ephraim	2		1862	1950	Methodist	Farmer	GCT37-E	224	Elmdale
1916	1935	Wood, James R.	4		1876	1935	Presbyterian	Farmer	BBF23-26	178	Preston/Maple
1918	1937	Kinzie, Simon	14	9	1866	1940	Mennonite	Farmer	GCT116	140	Breslau
1918	1923	Snyder, Menno S.	6		1860	1928	Mennonite	Farmer	WT11	131	Bloomingdale
1920	1929	Shoemaker, Allen	10	3	1866	1945	Presbyterian	Farmer/tile	GCT19/GCT48	215	Nine Pines
1921	1931	Hallman, Irvin C.	11	2	1874	1962	Methodist	Farmer	GCT32	211	Rummelhardt
1924	1933	Groh, Christian	10	2	1864	1946	Methodist	Farmer	BLB3-6/7/11	195	Hespeler
1925	1925	Latsch, George W.	1		1873	1956	UBrethren	Farmer/veterin	BOS12	138	Centreville
1926	1931	Klein, Frank A.	6		1879	1957	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT98	82	New Germany
1927	1932	Tilt, William W.	6		1888	1932	Prot	Drover with	Blair	21	Blair
1930	1933	Moser, Charles W.	4		1868	1961	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT35	178	Elmdale
1932	1943	Weber, Lorne B.	12	6	1900	1986	Evangelical	Farmer	GCT8	111	Waterloo
1934	1939	Abra, John William	6		1880	1947	Presbyterian	Farmer	BNS6	100	Roseville
1934	1938	Steckle, John	5		1889	1981	Mennonite	Farmer/Breeder	BET	176	Williamsburg
1936	1948	Ellis, Carl	13	4	1895	1965	United	Farmer	BLB2-10	230	Maple Grove
1938	1944	Hachborn, Arthur	7		1891	1964	Missionary,	Farmer	GCT67	300	Victoria
1939	1939	Scheifele, Alvin	1		1878	1971	United	Farmer	GCT34	209	Rummelhardt
1940	1947	Cowan, Robert E.	5	1	1870	1961	Presbyterian	Farmer	BLB3-8	275	Galt Clearview
1940	1942	Johannes, Lorne	3		1902	1984	Baptist	Blacksmith	Blair		Blair
1943	1951	Klie, Leslie C.	7		1887	1969	Evangelical	Farmer	GCT125	130	Bridgeport
1943	1945	Moss, Irvin	3		c190	1973	Mennonite by	Foreman	GCT53		Centreville
1945	1971	Janzen, Henry	7		1915		Baptist	Plant nursery	GCT107	166	Shantz Station
1945	1951	Schnarr, Edward	7	3	1888	1952	RCatholic	Farmer	GCT45/GCT44	198	Erbsville
1946	1963	Johannes, James N	12	5	1900	1989	Baptist	Auctioneer	Blair		Blair
1946	1947	Snider, Harold Jacob	2		1911	1981	UBrethren	Farmer/storekp	GCT67	108	Bloomingdale
1947	1947	Bowman, Leslie F.,	1		1908	1974	United	Cashier			Sunnyside
1948	1952	Eagle, Arthur W.	5		1911	1963	Lutheran	Metal worker			Preston
1948	1951	King, Arthur Case	3		1893	1972	Salvation Army	Rubber worker			Sunnyside
1950	1963	Rickert, Clayton	11	2	1902	1991	Lutheran	Farmer	GCT72/73	97	Breslau
1952	1964	Burton, Leonard E.	12	4	1898	1964	United	Farmer	GCT93	100	Kossuth
1952	1972	Isley, Theodore Henry	10	9	1912		RCatholic	Farmer/breeder	GCT106	141	Shantz Station
1952	1954	Schluter, Lorne	3		1915	1975	Lutheran	Farmer	GCT47		Williamsburg
1953	1957	Zinger, Joseph A.	5		1918		RCatholic	Farmer	GCT80/GCT79; 145	145	Maryhill
1954	1961	Moyer, Herbert R.	8		1911		United	Farmer	BBF19/20/30	129	Preston
1955	1963	Snider, Kenard	9		1894	1977	Mennonite	Farmer	BOS12/BET	119	Pine Grove
1959	1969	Kennedy, Arthur	10		1915	1979	RCatholic	Farmer Trucker	GCT77	98	Victoria
1962	1963	Wills, John R.	2		1915	1981		Manager			Lexington
1964	1967	James, Quentin	4					Manager			Centreville
1964	1965	Randall, John A.	2		1916	1970	United	Farmer	GCT106	116	Shantz Station
1964	1967	Schneider, Herbert J.	4		1926		Swedenborgian	Manager			Pine Grove
1968	1972	Knechtel, Cranson	5		1929		Lutheran	Wholesale groc			Elmdale
1968	1972	Voisin, Edward	5		1938		RCatholic	General store			Breslau
1970	1972	Prange, Roy	3		1933		Lutheran	Pump business			Breslau
1972	1972	Mounsthenen, John	1		1919		Anglican	Manager			Lexington

Note: Summarized from detailed biographical database of all councillors and officials, compiled from township records and other primary and secondary sources, including oral history tapes and interviews. The table gives start and end dates of council services, number of years on council (yrs) and as reeve (ryrs), vital dates, land owned (land) and acreage of farmers, and school section localities.

**PROFILES OF WATERLOO TOWNSHIP
COUNCILLORS, 1850-1972:**

ABRA, JOHN WILLIAM,

Township Council: Councillor 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937; Deputy Reeve 1938, 1939

Years: 6

Born: 1880, March 29 Died: 1947, July 29

Family: son of Joseph Abra and Helen Wallace

Address: BNS6 farm near Roseville; moved to Ayr Jan. 1947

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Christena Welsh

Children: none

Religion: Presbyterian; United

Landholdings: BNS6

Acres: 100

Locality: English Settlement

Organizations: Knox United Church, Ayr

New Dundee Co-operative Creamery Ltd

South Waterloo Agricultural Society

Notes: J.W. Abra spent practically all his lifetime on the farm where he was born, and was described as "successful and prominent" (obit): He was one of the oldest members of the New Dundee Co-operative Creamery Ltd and a member of the Board of Directors for many years, including 1933. He was a director of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society (and elected president for 1947) and served on the Board of Managers of Knox United Church in Ayr. He was buried in Blair Cemetery.

Sources: Obit in Ayr News 31/7/1947p18;

photo OCCA ph oversize #4553

ABRA, JOSEPH,

Township Council: Councillor 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909; Deputy Reeve 1910, 1911; Reeve 1912, 1913

Years: 8 R-years: 2

Born: 1849, Nov. 24 Died: 1927, April 14

Family: son of Elizabeth Wismer and William Abra

Address: Doon, BNS6; Roseville

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Helen Wallace

Children: John William; Mrs William Little; Mrs Edwin Taylor

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: BNS6

Acres: 100

Locality: English Settlement

Organizations: Doon Presbyterian Church

Notes: Born on town line between Waterloo and Dumfries near Roseville, lived most of life in Waterloo Township. He moved to the Doon farm in 1874, so isn't mentioned in the 1871 census. Tax collector for the township from 1900-1903, and first elected to the council in 1906 by acclamation.

* Moved into Doon in 1917 - buried in Blair cemetery

Sources: HA; Eby #8239; short obit in Galt Evening Reporter p3; photo in 100 years, p27

AMOS, JOHN,

Township Council: Councillor 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903; Reeve 1904, 1905

Years: 6 R-years: 2

Born: 1858 Died: 1919, Jan 1

Address: Doon, where he lived for 35 years

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: Puslinch Tp

Spouse: Janet Orr

Children: Margaret; Mrs L.C. Bullock

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: GCT151

Acres: 83

Locality: Plains

Organizations: New Dundee Co-operative Creamery Ltd

Notes: Known as a successful farmer and a progressive municipal administrator. He was one of the arbiters, with John Master and the Inspector of Public Schools, of the site of the new Rosebank School, SS 8, Wilmot Township c.1908 (WHS1966 54:70).

* In 1908, one of first directors of New Dundee Co-operative Creamery Ltd

* At his death, he held the position of Assessor. He died after a lingering illness and just before his death had sold his farm. Buried in Doon cemetery

Sources: WHS1966 54:70; obit on front page of Kitchener News Record 3/1/1919

BETZNER, JACOB S.,
Township Council: Councillor 1870, 1871;
 First Deputy Reeve 1872; Reeve 1873, 1874
Years: 5 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1838, August 11 **Died:** 1899, April
 3
Family: Son of Samuel B. Betzner and
 Elizabeth Stauffer
Address: Breslau, GCT106
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Lydia Snyder
Children: Minnie; Eliza; also 3rd dau
 according to Berlin News obit
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT106
Acres: 210
Locality: Shantz Station
Organizations: North Waterloo Farmers'
 Mutual Fire Insurance Co. - director
Notes: Buried in Breslau Mennonite Cemetery
 after death from a paralytic stroke. Obit:
 "one of the country's best known and highly
 respected citizens"
Sources: 1871 census; Eby #922; very short
 obit in Galt Reporter 6/4/1899; short obit in
 Berlin News Record 3/4/1899 p1

BOWERS, CYRUS,
Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1861; Reeve
 1862; Councillor 1863
Years: 3 **R-years:** 1
Born: 1816, Sept. 27 **Died:** 1889, Oct. 19
Family: eldest son of Samuel and Lydia
 Sauers
Address: South-west of Berlin on the place
 known as "The Sweet Briar Farm"/John St and
 Foundry, Berlin in 1884
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: Northumberland Co, PA
 (Eby)/Lancaster Co PA (obit)
Migration date: when 9 yrs old, c1825
Spouse: Elizabeth Eby; Elizabeth Craft
Children: Rev. John E.; Jacob E.; Solon E.;
 Matilda C. (m. Dr. Aaron Eby); Joseph C.;
 Maria C. (m. Peter E. Shantz); Malinda C. (m.
 E.R. Bollert)
Religion: Mennonite
Politics: Reformer
Landholdings: GCT19
Acres: 140
Locality: Nine Pines
Organizations: North Waterloo Reform
 Association - president
 Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co. - director
 Mercantile Fire Insurance Co. - director
Notes: "Giving early indications of more
 than ordinary talent, his father gave him
 what was then considered a first class
 education...Mr Bowers always took a lively
 interest in all the political movements of
 the day, and although not conspicuous as a
 politician, yet his views and opinions had
 great weight in controlling the course of the
 party with which he sided. His judgments were
 as a rule without a fault, and so well were
 his advices and counsels given to parties who
 came to him for advice that he enjoyed the
 esteem and high consideration of his numerous
 friends" (Eby)
 * "from the earliest history of this

locality, he has been a great friend of
 education, and proved the faith that was in
 him by giving his children very much more
 than the educational advantages [he had], and
 it is pleasant to be able to state that in
 each case they were turned to good account.
 Deceased was himself a great reader of
 standard works, and was probably as well
 informed on general matters as any man in the
 county" (obit). Bowers was one of the sources
 quoted by Pearce on county schools prior to
 1914 (WHS1914 2:42)
Sources: 1871 census; Eby #1147; obit
 Dumfries Reformer 24/10/1889 p8.

BOWMAN, JONATHAN B.,

Township Council: Councillor on Wellington District Council from 1842-1849 with James Cowan; Reeve in 1850

Years: 1 **R-years:** 1

Born: 1792, Nov 25 **Died:** 1876, April 1

Family: eldest son of Mary Baer and Rev.

Joseph Baumann who was said to be "a good man, and his sermons always made a deep impression upon the audiences" (Eby)

Address: Near Blair in 1842 (WHS1925 13:43). Then WT9E, land given by his father-in-law, Jacob Schneider (WHS1969 57:46), on east bank of the Grand River about 2 miles north of Bloomingdale on County Road 13, 200 acres (Schweitzers); later the farm was owned by Joseph S. Snyder. In 1849 John Wissler sold land from Block 3 (Woolwich Tp) to Jonathan B. Bowman. In 1862 Jonathan Bowman sold 170 acres to Noah Bowman, the farm that later belonged to C.D. Bowman (WHS1946 34:21 but no lot or concession numbers given). Maybe his move north explains why he was only reeve for one year, though he was back in Waterloo Township signing a petition in 1856.

Occupation: Farmer; Magistrate (1851 census)

Origin: PA, Berks County

Migration date: 1816

Spouse: Mary (Polly) Schneider, daughter of Jacob and Mary Erb

Children: Mary (m. Isaac Wenger); Noah S.; John S.; Jacob S.; Samuel S.; Salome S. (m. George H. Clemens); Levi S.; Joshua S.; Menno S.

Religion: Universalist

Landholdings: WT9E; Land from "Yoch"

(father-in-law) through his wife Polly whom he married in 1817. Also in Feb. 11, 1847 bought 352 acres in GCT73 Woolwich Township from John Wissler; Dec. 14, 1850 bought 82.5 acres in Wm. Allan's Survey Lot A, east of the Grand River, Woolwich Township, from Cushman Smith (Schweitzers, p146, photo)

Acres: 200

Locality: Bloomingdale

Organizations: Waterloo Saugeen Railway Lexington Universalist Church

Notes: In 1850, when Wellington District was organized as the County of Waterloo, Elias Snider and J.B. Bowman were the township councillors. (Uttley p. 30) Bowman assisted in building the first township hall on North Queen Street, Berlin. He served on the Education Committee and on the Committee on Roads and Bridges (Schweitzers). Resigned from office in 1850 (Uttley, p30) and was given an engraved silver snuff box that is now at Doon Heritage Crossroads. Bowman was among the petitioners for the Waterloo Saugeen Railway in 1856. Doon Pioneer Village was presented with a portrait of him in 1967. In 1846 his son John took over farm operations, and towards the end of their lives, Jonathan and Mary lived with their son Samuel on a farm near Winterbourne, along the Waterloo Township line. A tribute to Bowman in March 1850 reads "His honesty and his sincerity are transparent. The esteem in which he is held secures him attention" (Byerly).

Sources: Wellington minutes; 1851 census; WHS1946 34:21; Eby #207; Schweitzers; Uttley

BOWMAN, LESLIE F., "BUD",

Township Council: Councillor 1947; Clerk in 1948 after P.A. Snider resigned, then clerk/treasurer 1949, 1950, 1951

Years: 1

Born: 1908, April 3 **Died:** 1974, Oct 11

Family: son of Dilman S. and Catherine Baer

Address: Gananoque

Occupation: Cashier

Spouse: Mabel Irene Clark

Children: Nancy Elizabeth (m. Robert Matthews); Susan Leslie; William Bruce

Religion: United

Locality: Sunnyside?

Notes: Educated at Kitchener, London, Manitoulin Island

* Cashier for Coca Cola bottling and distribution branch in Kitchener before served Township as clerk

* 1952 - left for Gananoque where credited with introducing town planning and convincing town to hire professional consultants (obit Gananoque Reporter)

* 1970 - moved to Brockville regional assessment office before retiring in 1973

Sources: Robert V. Eby; obit Gananoque Reporter 16/10/1974p4; KWR photo of inaugural

1950 meeting

BRUBACHER, HENRY S.,
Township Council: Councillor 1871

Years: 1

Born: 1824, Feb. 12 **Died:** 1893, March 5

Family: Son of John Brubacher and Catharine Sherk who had 15 children

Address: Berlin east, GCT57

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Mary Musselman

Children: Magdalena (m. Martin Weber); Esther (m. Moses M. Weber); Susannah; Mary; Isaac M.; Henry M.; Joseph M.; Solomon M.; Catharine (m. Noah Weber); John M.

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT57

Acres: 473

Locality: Breslau west

Notes: Soon after his marriage in 1852 he moved on his father's old homestead east of Berlin where he had been born. He was a farmer for most of his life, though his obituary notes that for some years he was engaged or had an interest in certain enterprises in the town. He is described as having a "kindly disposition" and being a "whole-hearted genial resident" (obit). He was buried in the Old Mennonite Cemetery.

Sources: Eby #1412; obit Berlin Daily

Telegraph 6/3/1893p3

BURKHOLDER, DANIEL,
Township Council: Councillor 1861, 1862

Years: 2

Born: 1812, August 26 **Died:** 1891, April 11

Family: Son of Christian and Elizabeth Burkholder, brother of Benjamin Burkholder
Address: After marriage in 1834 lived near Bloomingdale and pioneered on GCT72 (this property minus some severances, 224 acres, to son Moses in 1863); in 1846 they moved to his father's farm, one mile north of Waterloo, GCT13; in 1856 they moved to a farm on GCT125 one mile north of Bridgeport (later Dilman Moyer's); after 1881 when his first wife died, he and his second wife moved to Bridgeport in the home of the late David Erb.

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: PA, Lancaster County

Migration date: 1818

Spouse: Elizabeth Erb; Sarah Erb Tohman

Children: Moses; Susannah (m. Jesse B. Snyder); Isaac B.; Mary Ann (m. Amos Erb); Nancy; Daniel; Ezra; Elizabeth (m. Henry Erb); Louisa (m. Elijah Bricker)

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT72; GCT125, one mile north of Bridgeport (Tremaaine 1861)

Acres: 224

Locality: Bridgeport

Notes: He signed a petition in 1848 for the erection of a township hall in Berlin (WHS1970 58:86)

Sources: Eby #1512; WHS1970 58:86

BURKHOLDER, ISAAC E.,

Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve 1872

Years: 1

Born: 1841, June 19 **Died:** 1872, Sept. 23

Family: second son of Daniel and Elizabeth Erb

Address: Bloomingdale; GCT72, land pioneered by parents from 1834; 224 acres sold by father to elder brother Moses in 1863, and to Isaac in 1870

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Harriet Eby

Children: Arthur Henry; Daniel Fairford; Alfred; Mary Alice (m. Clinton Barkley)

Religion: UBrethren

Landholdings: GCT72

Acres: 224

Locality: Bloomingdale

Notes: Burkholder died (of typhoid fever, according to translation of Berliner Journal obit) while holding office at the young age of 31. The farm was sold to John Bingeman, and the widow and children moved to the United States. He was succeeded by Isaac E. Shantz for the remaining 2-3 months of 1872 (on both Township and County Councils), the only municipal service of I.E.S.

Sources: Eby #1520; 1871 census; Berliner Journal obit index

BURTON, LEONARD E.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1952, 1953,
 1956, 1957, 1964; Deputy Reeve 1954, 1958;
 Reeve 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963.
 Years: 12 R-years: 4
 Born: 1898 Died: 1964, May 29
 Family: son of John and Ida Fischer
 Address: RR#2, Preston/nr Hespeler, GCT93
 Occupation: Farmer
 Origin: Alberta
 Migration date: c1916
 Spouse: Dorothy Atkinson
 Children: none
 Religion: United
 Landholdings: GCT93; also mother's farm
 Acres: 100
 Locality: Kossuth
 Organizations: Breslau Credit Union
 Breslau Co-Operative - director, president
 Notes: Died in a car accident the evening of
 May 29, 1964, on Hwy 24 three miles north of
 Hespeler, returning from a road inspection.
 The driver of the other car involved in the
 head-on collision was charged, and one
 witness said that she believed that the five
 men in the car had been drinking. Mr Burton
 was a century farm owner and township school
 trustee. As councillor he had held every
 committee chairmanship, and was chairman of
 the township's road committee at the time of
 his death. He was active in the co-op and
 Credit Union movement, and was a past
 president of Breslau Credit Union.
 * "One of the chief supporters of the new
 administration building...and one of the
 original township officials supporting area
 planning" (Galt Evening Reporter)
 * Recalled by Roy Prange of Prange's Pump
 Service for his remarkable skills with water
 divining in times when wells were dug rather
 than drilled.
 Sources: Newspapers; KPL vf watco cb; obit
 Galt Evening Reporter 30/5/1964p9

CLEMENS, ISAAC,
 Township Council: Councillor 1851, 1852;
 Deputy Reeve 1853; Reeve 1854-1860 (Wendell
 Bowman Reeve in 1861); Councillor in 1861,
 but resigned 2 March 1861 and Samuel D.
 Martin was elected to his seat.
 Years: 11 R-years: 7
 Born: 1815, Jan 21 Died: 1880, Sept 24
 Family: son of George Clemens and Esther
 Stauffer
 Address: BLB1-8 - Samuel Stauffer place
 north of Speedsville
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Mary Ann Brower
 Children: Sarah (m. John W. Martin); Mary
 Ann (m. James Henderson); Isaac B.
 Religion: Methodist
 Politics: Reformer
 Landholdings: BLB1-8/9
 Acres: 200
 Locality: Maple Grove
 Organizations:
 Waterloo Tp, SS 20, Maple Grove
 Berlin Grammar School Board of Trustees
 Notes: Interesting light on the low quality
 of education for first generation of township
 children is reflected in transcribed letters
 1871-1878 (per Kathryn Lamb) mainly to Isaac
 Master.
 * Warden of Waterloo County 1857-1860, one of
 the earliest trustees recorded for Maple
 Grove School (being largely responsible for
 the 1875 addition), and a member of the first
 board of trustees for Berlin Grammar School
 in 1855. Because he was deputy reeve in 1853,
 he was a member of the first Waterloo County
 Council. He was Registrar for the two years
 when the South Waterloo office was located at
 Preston, 1862-63.
 * Isaac Clemens was elected the first MPP for
 South Waterloo after Confederation in 1867
 (when he defeated James Crombie) and was
 re-elected in 1871 (when his opponent was

Abraham Erb). His letters to Isaac Master
 contain some opinions on prohibition issue.
 He retired in 1875 due to ill-health and was
 appointed one of the License Commissioners of
 Waterloo South (being elected chair) a
 position he held to his death (obit Galt
 Reporter 1/10/1880p4). "He was noted for his
 integrity and his fine statesmanship"
 (WHS1955 43:25). His contemporaries called
 him "Honest Isaac." "Kindly straightforward
 man, in whom sterling honesty was a most
 prominent trait. Hospitable to all, the
 adviser of the distressed and the friend of
 the poor, he was very popular among those who
 knew him and respected by the general public"
 (obit).

* Clemens' life illustrates handicaps of
 pioneer schools and his own respect for
 education. "The bringing up of [his parents']
 large family under the disadvantageous
 circumstances of bush life was a task of no
 small difficulty, but the father did what he
 could to furnish them with the scant
 education which Waterloo afforded its youth
 in the early days of this century. Winter was
 the only season in which the schools were
 open, and in the winter seasons of his
 boyhood Isaac Clemens went to school under
 various teachers, among them the late Mr
 Scollick, a well known man at that time, in
 the old log school house which stood on the
 site of the present Roman Catholic Cemetery a
 little northeast of the corporation limits of
 Galt. The school served many purposes, being
 used for religious and other public meetings
 and also as a court room in which the
 commissioners adjudicated in civil suits.
 Under these circumstances a good education
 was not likely to be obtained by anyone,
 and...Isaac Clemens suffered with all his
 schoolmates...a considerable disadvantage in
 the public life into which he entered in the
 prime of life." Clemens's work for SS 20

(Maple Grove) in the 1870s was commended most highly by inspector Thomas Pearce. "Accommodation now very superior. Not surpassed by any Rural Section in the county. A commodious addition...and a new outfit of the most approved style of desks and furniture in both departments. Although the people of the Section generally seemed to vie with each other in pushing forward the extensive and expensive improvements of the year, yet I believe it will not be considered invidious to mention...the name of Isaac Clemens Esq., who was undoubtedly the leading spirit."

Sources: Eby #1738; WHS1955 43:25; Pearce's report of schools for 1875; obit Galt Reporter 1/10/1880p4

* Transcribed letters 1871-1878 (per Kathryn Lamb) mainly to Isaac Master about political issues (electoral corruption and prohibition) and patronage appointments.

* photo available from Archives of Ontario in WHS collection (C224-0-0-6, AO2412)

CLEMENS, JOEL,
Township Council: Councillor 1869; Second Deputy Reeve in 1870, 1871; Reeve 1872
Years: 4 **R-years:** 1
Born: 1823, Dec. 18 **Died:** 1905, Aug. 11
Family: Son of Abraham L. Clemens and Magdalena Miller, one of ten children
Address: BBF21, 160 acres, north of Preston
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Magdalena Shoemaker, dau of Jacob S.
Children: Isabella; Elizabeth (m. Levi Hagey); Luanna (m. Isaac B. Clemens); Lucena (m. Urias Springer); Jacob Solon; Cornelia; Nelson Byron; Lewis Edwin; Odo Eby
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: BBF21
Acres: 168
Locality: Maple Grove
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 20, Maple Grove
Notes: He was born on the farm he later owned and was an early trustee of Maple Grove School. The obituary in the Galt Reporter, under the headline "Preston pioneer passes away," noted that Clemens was "one of the oldest and most respected residents of Waterloo County" and had been a lifelong resident of Preston. Clemens had been ailing for some time from a paralytic stroke, and was buried in Hagey Mennonite Cemetery.
Sources: HA; Eby #1850; obit Galt Weekly Reporter 17/8/1905p3

COWAN, ROBERT ELLIOTT,
Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1940, 1941, 1942, 1947; Reeve 1944
Years: 5 **R-years:** 1
Born: 1870, Jan 16 **Died:** 1961, Aug 22
Family: son of William and Helen Elliott, brother of Thomas D.
Address: BLB3-8: back Hespeler Road, R.R. #3, Galt
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Georgina Armstrong (died 1949)
Children: none
Religion: Presbyterian
Landholdings: BLB3-8
Acres: 275
Locality: Galt Clearview
Organizations: South Waterloo Agricultural Society
 Ontario Agricultural College
 Knox's Presbyterian Church, Galt
 North Dumfries and South Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 Galt Fall Fair
 Galt Masonic Lodge
 Cowan and Co., Galt
Notes: Cowan was educated at Clearview SS 19 (where he was later a trustee in 1903-4), and attended G.C.I. part-time from 1884 to 1887. In 1888 he entered Ontario Agricultural College where he was awarded a silver medal for general proficiency. The OAC Alumni news wrote that "he was regarded locally as a good farmer, a conscientious public servant, a beloved 'character' in South Waterloo." He was associated actively as a director and secretary/treasurer with the South Waterloo Agricultural Society for 53 years, being a member since 1895, president in 1901, secretary/treasurer in 1909 and for 39 more years, a board member since 1896, and an honorary director from 1949 when he retired. He was associated with the Galt Fall Fair for a period of 64 years and had opened the show

in 1960. He was an auditor of the township from 1925-35, and had been a member of most committees of the County Council. Cowan was director of North Dumfries and South Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co., and held the office of president several times. He was president of Cowan Co. of Galt Ltd and had farmed his father's (William) farm since 1890, producing beef cattle, sheep and hogs, wheat and seed grain.

* Challenged for reeveship by Henry Janzen.
Sources: obit Evening Reporter 23/8/61p13
with photo; good photo in Burkholder p341.

COWAN, WILLIAM,
Township Council: Councillor 1892; Third
Deputy Reeve 1893
Years: 2
Born: 1840 Died: 1922, Dec. 3
Family: son of James and Helen Laing
Address: BLB3-2 (1886 voters' list); 189
West River Road (WHS1970 58:26)
Occupation: Veterinary surgeon
Spouse: Helen, "Nellie or Ellen" Elliott
Children: Robert Elliott; Thomas Deans;
William Laing; Elizabeth Helen; James Hastie;
Isabel Cowan
Religion: Presbyterian
Landholdings: BLB3-2
Acres: 275
Locality: Clearview
Organizations: Galt Foundry and Machine
Works
Cowan and Co., Galt
Knox's Presbyterian Church, Galt
Galt Curling Club
South Waterloo Agricultural Society
Masons- P.D.D.G.M. of Wellington district
Notes: Born at Clochmohr. William Cowan was one of the youngest graduates of the Ontario Veterinary College, Guelph, holding the 5th certificate issued by that body. On his death the Hespeler Herald called him "the oldest veterinary surgeon in Canada." He practiced his profession in Galt until 1881 and from then until 1896 was a Dominion Livestock Inspector. In his obituary in the Galt Reporter, William is unfavourably compared to his brother Thomas in reference to their father, James Cowan who "possessed of a superior mentality and force which showed themselves in his sons, most notably perhaps in the late Thomas Cowan, long one of the most outstanding political speakers and thinkers in Ontario."
* Later Cowan was an owner of Galt Foundry and Machine Works with his brother Arthur,

later known as Cowan and Company. William was president of Cowan & Company when he died, being at his desk until three weeks before his death. They bought the business in 1871, but according to the Hespeler Herald, William became actively connected with the firm only in 1891 when his brother assumed the postmastership in Galt. Cowan is credited for keeping the business open in spite "of so-called financial depressions, and employment given to the full staff of mechanics" (Outlook). Cowan is quoted as saying "The town has happy and contented mechanics and men who appreciate the excellent living conditions prevalent" (Outlook). Cowan moved to Galt about the turn of the century, twenty years before his death.

* NOTE: Nowhere in William Cowan of Clochmohr's obituary is there mention of his being elected a township councillor. His father was one, his son was one and the dates of the councillorship include the period before Cowan moved to Galt. There were many William Cowans in the Waterloo County area. A William Cowan was a Galt councillor in 1906 and a reeve of Galt in 1907, at a time when this William Cowan would have lived in Galt, but since this information was not contained in the obituaries, this might be another William Cowan. A William Cowan was a trustee of SS 19 from 1870-71; a William Cowan was re-elected in the Township of Dumfries, Ward #2, in 1863 by acclamation (Galt Reporter Jan. 9, 1863, p2c5)

Sources: HA; James Young; Taylor; Wilson 1897 p24 photo, if this is the correct William; Outlook Edition "The men of Waterloo County to-day" with photo; Galt Reporter 9/11/1863p2-5; WHS1970 58:26; obit 7/12/1922 in Hespeler Herald; obit 4/12/1922 Galt Evening Reporter

DAVIDSON, GEORGE,
Township Council: Councillor 1850, 1851,
 1852

Years: 3

Born: 1812, May 14 **Died:** 1881, April 27

Family: Son of John and Margaret Davidson

Occupation: Farmer/Businessman

Origin: Scotland, Aberdeen

Migration date: 1833

Spouse: Margaret Garden

Children: George; William; Robert;

Alexander; Margaret; Elizabeth; six others
 who died in early childhood

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: BT10/12

Acres: 288

Locality: New Aberdeen Strasburg

Organizations: St Andrew's Presbyterian

Church, Berlin

Berlin Post Office

California Block, Berlin

Waterloo Militia

St Andrew's Church, Winterbourne

Waterloo Horticultural Society

Notes: Davidson studied law at the University of Aberdeen for years before coming to Canada.

* He took up 200 acres of partially cleared land at Winterbourne and in 1842 was Berlin's first postmaster in his store which he operated with his brother William.

* He founded and named New Aberdeen about 1847, where he built a sawmill, gristmill, and store on part of his 500 acres.

* In 1852 he returned to Berlin and bought property at King and Queen Streets where he built the California Block and Forest Hill, a 40-acre estate which was landscaped with trees and plants imported from Scotland.

* He was appointed sheriff of Waterloo County in 1852 from 1853-1881, and commanded the 2nd battalion of the Waterloo militia for nearly 25 years after having enlisted in the 1837

Rebellion and served as a lieutenant in the Waterloo militia.

* Davidson was a Royal Arch Mason. He was instrumental in establishing St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Berlin and St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Winterbourne. His granddaughter describes him as a man who "had many interests but did much in developing the agricultural resources of this part of Waterloo County. He was an energetic, pushing businessman, resolute, persevering and industrious, the type needed in a new county" (WHS1928 16:85)

Sources: WHS1928 16:84-85 with photo

DEVITT, BARNABAS,

Township Council: Councillor 1858, 1859,
 1860

Years: 3

Born: 1807, March 25 **Died:** 1891, Jan 20

Family: 4th son of Dennis Devitt

Address: Bridgeport; GCT9

Occupation: Farmer/Miller

Origin: New Jersey

Migration date: 1815/1812

Spouse: Magdalena Shoemaker

Children: Jacob; John; Benjamin; Isaac; David; Abraham; Mary (m. Jacob Wissler); Barnabas; Magdalena; Menno; Matthew; Louisa (m. Jacob Smith)

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT9

Acres: 128

Locality: Bridgeport

Organizations: Bridgeport Mill

Floradale Mills

Notes: Following his mother's death when he was 11 years old, Barnabas was adopted by Abraham Erb. He took over the Bridgeport mill about 1850 with Elias Eby, but sold his interest to Jacob B. Eby before 1860 and retired to the farm. In 1828 he was a witness to the deed for the first school site in Waterloo, sold by Abraham Erb. Devitt was among others who petitioned in 1832 for a road from Shoemaker's sawmill in Bridgeport to the Breslau/Woolwich road. In 1848, he was among petitioners asking for the establishment of a township hall in Berlin. In 1865 Devitt was given a contract to build a new dam in Floradale and keep it in repair for ten years. Son Benjamin became mayor of Waterloo, 1881-1883 and was father of Emma who married Louis J. Breithaupt.

* In Waterloo, house at 172 King Street S. (photo p.45 in 100 years) is "Kumpf House" (WHS1974 62:74-5), first built by Abraham Erb and one of the oldest houses in that city

(WHS1965 53:35). Barnabas and Magdalena lived in Waterloo from their marriage in 1831 until 1851 when they moved to Bridgeport. When Barnabas sold the Bridgeport milling interest, he bought a farm that was later owned by Tilman Shantz. A few years before his death, Barnabas moved back to Waterloo. Sources: HA; Eby #2322; WHS1965 53:35; WHS1974 62:74-5

EAGLE, ARTHUR W.
Township Council: Councillor 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952
Years: 5
Born: 1911 **Died:** 1963, March 11
Family: son of Ruben Eagle
Address: 554 Frederick St, Preston-formerly lived in Waterloo Tp
Occupation: Metal worker in 1949; worked for Clare Bros, and in the last 6 years of his life served as an inspector for the Ontario Department of Labor
Spouse: Isabell P. Triller
Children: Jean (m. Wayne Pfeffer)
Religion: Lutheran
Locality: Preston
Organizations: St Peter's Lutheran Church, Preston
Notes: Was born in Wiarton. Buried in Park Lawn Cemetery, Preston.
Sources: obituary in Galt Reporter, KWR 12/3/1963p10
* photo KWR Jan 1950 inaugural meeting

EBY, ELIAS,
Township Council: Councillor 1850; Treasurer 1862, 1863, 1864
Years: 1
Born: 1810, Feb 22 **Died:** 1878, June 2
Family: Second son of Benjamin Eby and Mary Brubacher
Address: Bridgeport (East Ward-Uttley p23)
Occupation: Miller (1851)
Spouse: Anna Weber
Children: Mary; Josiah; Benjamin W.; Magdalena (m. Isaac E. Shantz); Veronica (m. Aaron E. Shantz); Annie (m. Benjamin Reesor); Elias W.; Tobias; Christian; Moses
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT71
Acres: 160
Locality: Bridgeport
Organizations: Bridgeport Mill
Canada Museum und Allgemeine Zeitung
Deutsch-Canadier Pressverein
Bridgeport Post Office
Notes: Was one of the first four people in Waterloo County to receive a teaching certificate in 1843. He was a teacher in one of the Berlin schools during the last few years before the opening of the Central School in 1856 and also a teacher at a Waterloo school. When the first Sunday School at First Mennonite Church was announced in the 1841 newspaper, he was one of the signers.
* "Lived for a number of years on the farm adjoining his father's, now occupied by the widow of the late Samuel Brubacher" (obit)
* In 1856 he was owner of both the Deutsche Canadier and the Canada Museum, with Patrick Clerihew as publisher and editor, and Friedrich Rittinger in charge of printing (WHS1921 9:153)
* Operated the Lancaster Mills, Bridgeport, in partnership with Barnabas Devitt from 1849 to 1860, then became proprietor with his

brother Jacob S. Eby, then with his son and son-in-law (obit Berlin Daily News 3/6/78). In 1869-70 Eby sold the mill to Peter Shirk and Samuel S. Snider, and in 1871 was said to be a farmer. He was Bridgeport postmaster from 1864 to 1878 and owned the post office building.

* "We believe few men enjoyed so much respect and confidence as the deceased - and the greatest sympathy was felt for him when, chiefly through being too kind-hearted with a large army of delinquent debtors, he lost a large portion of his property" (obit Berlin Daily News)

* "He leaves behind two sons and four daughters, who are, one in California, one in Manitoba, one in Michigan, one in Markham and two in this county--showing how families at the present day get separated" (obit)

* Diary of years 1872-1878 translated by Isaac Horst (original in WHS, translation at MAO)

Sources: Eby #2435; photo from Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society per MAO; WHS1918 6:25; WHS1921 9:153; WHS1965 53:13; WHS1968 56:64; WHS1970 58:71

ELLIS, CARL,
Township Council: Councillor 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942; Deputy Reeve 1943, 1944; Reeve 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948
Years: 13 **R-years:** 4
Born: 1895 **Died:** 1965, March 9
Family: Son of Alfred Ellis and Mary Jane Clemens
Address: Hespeler, RR #1
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Bellie Brown
Children: no children
Religion: United
Landholdings: BLB2-10
Acres: 230
Locality: Maple Grove
Organizations: South Waterloo Agricultural Society
 Central Counties Guernsey Breeders
 Ontario Guernsey Breeders' Association
 New Hope Masonic Lodge, Hespeler, #279
 Canadian Guernsey Breeders
 St Luke's United Church, Hespeler
Notes: Owner of a century farm; president of the South Waterloo Agricultural Society. He was a Canadian Guernsey Breeder beginning in 1930, and he was a past president of Central Counties Guernsey Breeders, a past president of the Ontario Guernsey Breeders' Association, and of the Canadian Guernsey Breeders in 1959. One of his cattle won the Grand Champion (male) at the Canadian National Exhibition in 1953, and his herd had attained the highest average of a Guernsey herd in "the past two years"-(1964 and 1963?); the Ellis herd set a record from a production standpoint. Warden of Waterloo County in 1948.
Sources: photo from 1948 journal of proceedings and bylaws; obit Galt Reporter 10/3/1965 p7
 * Journal of proceedings and by-laws 1948

ERB, CYRUS,
Township Council: Councillor 1859, 1860
Years: 2
Born: 1831, March 1 **Died:** 1916, Dec 17
Family: second son of Joseph and Mary Kolb, brother to Abraham A., Joseph J., Israel K.
Address: Breslau; Preston
Occupation: Miller; Merchant
Spouse: Sarah Schwartz
Children: Mary Ann; John; Cyrus; Milton
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT114
Acres: 160
Locality: Breslau
Notes: Cyrus was John Erb's grandson and inherited the Preston gristmill through his father with his three brothers. Though the Erb Brothers expanded the business, they were not a commercial success, and sold the mill to Samuel J. Cherry and John Cherry. Erb was Breslau postmaster from 1856 to 1862, establishing the first general store in Breslau in 1856 with Ephraim Erb. A founding member of the Preston Horticultural Society in 1878, he was one of Preston's oldest residents when he died.
 * A Preston councillor 1864, 1870, 1876, 1878-1881, 1890-91
Sources: Eby #2620; obituary in 21/12/1916 Prestonian; obit in Galt Reporter 17/12/1916 "Cyrus Erb, a Preston pioneer" concentrated on father and grandfather

ERB, EPHRAIM B.
 Township Council: Councillor 1861, 1863;
 Deputy Reeve 1862; Reeve 1864, 1865, 1866,
 1867, 1868, 1869 Preston councillor
 1883-1885.
Years: 9 R-years: 6
Born: 1829 Died: 1911, Jan. 18
Family: son of John S. and Polly Bricker
Address: Breslau
Occupation: Merchant; "engaged in the mercantile and milling business in Breslau...thence he moved to Preston where he was engaged in the dry goods and grocery business" Eby. Commission merchant (1871 census)
Spouse: Elizabeth Jane Dobbin
Children: Mary Jane, "Minnie" (m. William Rankine)
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT46-NR
Acres: 109
Locality: Breslau
Notes: Warden of Waterloo County 1867, and was therefore an ex-officio member of the Committee to find a site and erect the Waterloo County House of Industry and Refuge. He was Breslau postmaster from 1862-1869.
 * Ephraim and Cyrus Erb established the first general store in Breslau in 1856, selling the business in 1864 to David Bricker.
 * The family moved to St John, New Brunswick and then to Halifax where Ephraim "was engaged in the commission business." When returned to Preston, left Halifax business in hands of son-in-law, and visited Halifax yearly. Served on Preston council in 1880s.
Sources: HA; 1871 census; Eby #2813; WHS; obit Berlin News Record 19/1/1911p1
 * photo OCCA ph#2378

ERB, JOHN L.
Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1863;
 Councillor 1865, 1866, 1867, 1868, 1869;
 First Deputy Reeve 1870, 1871
Years: 7
Born: 1818, Nov. 24 **Died:** 1878, July 2
Family: eldest son of Samuel and Mary Lewis
Address: Erbsville, GCT45
Occupation: Farmer; Postmaster
Spouse: Nancy Clemens; Mary Zimmerman
Children: Harriet Ann; Fernando; Clarissy Novilla; William H.; John Nelson; George Edward; Margaret Agnes
Religion: Methodist
Landholdings: GCT45
Acres: 218
Locality: Erbsville
Notes: Erbsville postmaster from 1863-1878.
 Episcopal Methodist
Sources: Eby #2782

ESHELMAN, MOSES,
Township Council: Councillor 1872, 1873
Years: 2
Born: 1824, July 26 **Died:** 1912, Feb. 10
Family: youngest son of Samuel and Nancy Bechtel
Address: family homestead, later the Ira Good farm, near Blair; later moved to 51 Church Street, Berlin
Occupation: Farmer; Agent in Berlin, listed in the Waterloo County Directory of 1884-5, W.W. Evans (p.231, M. & J. Snyder)
Spouse: Susannah Stauffer; Anna Kay Erb
Children: Joseph; Simon; Sarah; Mary Ann (m. Menno B. Clemens); Nancy Jane
Religion: UBrethren
Landholdings: BOS9
Acres: 199
Locality: Blair
Organizations: Blair School
 Blair Mills
 Alma Street Church of the United Brethren in Christ, Berlin
Notes: Lived in Blair for 50 years, later moving to Berlin where he "was actively identified with the Alma Street United Brethren Church since its inception. He was one of the most highly esteemed members of the congregation and had fulfilled many important positions in the church" (obit) He had donated upper part of the Jerry Strome lot to the congregation, including a frame house facing Church Street, that the congregation used for a church until 1893 (Uttley).
 * A Blair school trustee, he converted the Blair grist mill to a woollen mill in 1875 with Henry McNally, Angus McNally, and Oliver Clemens, and was known as a "progressive farmer."
Sources: 1871 census; M. & J. Snyder; Eby #2992; obit Berlin News Record 12/2/1912p1; Uttley; WHS1924 12:101; WHS1941 29:163; WHS1954 42:8

GROFF, AMOS M.,

Township Council: Councillor 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1918, 1919

Years: 6

Born: 1868, April 3 **Died:** 1948, Dec 23

Family: Son of Jacob Groff (who died 3 Nov 1920 and is buried in Martin's Cemetery) and Lydia Martin

Address: Renting the family homestead about a mile NE of Waterloo

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Mary Ann Shantz (married 1893)

Children: Howard; Pearl (m. Daniel Bauman); Mabel (m. Simeon Cressman); Nettie (m. Jacob Shantz); Vera (m. Lloyd Snider); Reta

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT7/GCT9

Acres: 151

Locality: Martin's

Organizations: Cressman Mennonite Church, Breslau

Notes: Grandfather Andrew Groff (b.1793) "then purchased 200 acres of land between Preston and Galt and in a few years was proprietor of a store, tavern, grist mill, saw mill and distillery. In 1848 he sold this land and purchased a farm 2 miles north of Waterloo and engaged in farming with his son Jacob, on the farm occupied by Amos Groff in the 1930s" (Roy Bauman). Martin's Cemetery records do not include an entry for Amos as they do for his father and grandfather.

* Contender for D Reeve against more experienced August Jansen in early 1916.

Jansen was condemned by Galt Reporter (6 January 1916) for alleged pro-German tendencies and un-British expression "placing himself in a position to be unworthy of a place at the County and Township Councils." Jansen "denied allegations and imputations" and, in a "keenly contested election" was returned by a majority of 66 over Amos Groff.

Sources: Eby #3392; Bauman; Martin's

Cemetery records; Galt Reporter 1/6/1916; obit KWR 23/12/1948 p5 with no mention of township activities

GROH, CHRISTIAN TOBIAS,

Township Council: Councillor 1924, 1925, 1926; Second Deputy Reeve 1927, 1928, 1929; First Deputy Reeve 1930, 1931; Reeve 1932, 1933 Hespeler councillor 1903-1908

Years: 10 **R-years:** 2

Born: 1864, Nov 1 **Died:** 1946, June 28

Family: son of Isaac Groh and Mary Wanner
Address: BLB3-6/7/11, on the original Groh homestead southwest of Hespeler

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Martha Lena Gingrich

Children: Percy; Howard; Almeda; Della; Mary

Religion: Methodist; United

Landholdings: BLB3-6/7/11

Acres: 195

Locality: Hespeler Clearview

Organizations: Hespeler Town Council

Stager Block, Hespeler

Waterloo Tp, SS 19, Clearview

Maple Grove Farmers' Club

Hespeler United Church

Notes: Attended Clearview School then entered milling industry at New Dundee. Shortly afterwards he returned to Clearview area and began farming.

* An active member of the United Farmers of Ontario, he was agent for a co-operative phase of the Maple Grove Farmers' Club. When co-operative shipping of cattle began in the Clearview district in about 1915, Groh acted as shipper.

* He built the Stager Block in Hespeler, which he sold to A. Hagmeier.

* JP. As well as 10 years on Township Council, served 6 years on Hespeler Council (1903-1908), according to caption to photograph in Galt Reporter, 21 December 1933, when announced retirement at Wardens's banquet. Interested in public affairs and district correspondent for various newspapers, including 4 years with Dumfries Reformer and 6 years with Galt Daily

Reporter.

* He was a trustee of SS 19 from 1901 to 1909 and secretary of school from 1891 to 1917.

* As well as 10 years on township council, served 6 years as Hespeler councillor, according to caption to photograph in Galt Reporter, 21 December 1933, when announced retirement at Wardens's banquet.

* Buried in Wanner Mennonite Cemetery.

Sources: Eby #3425; photo Evening Reporter 26/10/1909 when Clearview Reunion Secretary. Some details in Hespeler Herald obituary for Mrs C.T. Groh Sept. 29, 1932; his obituary in KWR and Galt Reporter (29/6/1946p4); photo Galt Reporter 21/12/1933, when announced retirement at Warden's banquet.

GROH, ISAAC,

Township Council: Councillor in 1877, 1878; First Deputy Reeve in 1879; Reeve 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1891

Years: 8 **R-years:** 5

Born: 1829, March 14 **Died:** 1901, May 14

Family: Grandfather was Michael, a Pennsylvania pioneer who arrived in 1804 to select a farm. Though Michael died in Pennsylvania, the rest of his family, including his son John, came to Canada. Isaac was the second youngest son of John and Susannah Wanner.

Address: Hespeler, 230 acres

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Mary Wanner

Children: John W.; David W.; Daniel W.; Isaac W.; Leah W.; Anson W.; Jonathan; Sylvanus W.; Christian Tobias; Susannah; Irwin

Religion: Mennonite

Politics: Reformer

Landholdings: BLB3-6/7/11; BLB1-7?

Acres: 195

Locality: Clearview

Notes: He was born on the farm he later owned. Eby claims that he was elected as reeve for the township in 1889; actually 1891 according to Tilt. "Upwards of nearly half a century Mr Groh's name has been connected with those whose object is to elevate and advance the cause of their fellow citizens" (Eby also describes him as healthy and active). With many family members, buried in Wanner Cemetery.

* He is cited in Sutherland's Directory of 1864 as being part of a Hespeler brass band, which included apparently most of the village notables (WHS1922 10:214).

* Land was purchased from Isaac by Waterloo Township in 1861 to widen the curve in the road leading to Hespeler (WHS1957 45:35).

* The WHS1961 (49:70) notes an Isaac Groh

among the ministers who graduated from the Freeport Academy, but Eby doesn't mention this.

Sources: Eby #3416; WHS1922 10:214; WHS1957 45:35; WHS1961 49:70.

HACHBORN, ARTHUR,
 Township Council: Councillor 1938, 1939,
 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944
 Years: 7
 Born: 1891. Died: 1964, Feb 12
 Family: son of Henry
 Address: GCT67, Bloomingdale
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Ina Snider
 Children: Ruth; Doris; Alice; Mabel;
 Margaret; Florence
 Religion: Missionary, Breslau
 Landholdings: GCT67
 Acres: 300
 Locality: Victoria
 Organizations: United Missionary Church,
 Breslau
 Waterloo Tp, Union SS 28, Victoria
 Notes: Farmed one half of north part,
 William Snider farm. Hachborn as son-in-law
 worked farm from 1917 and became legal
 owners from 1923. Increased by over 100 more
 acres.

* Mr Hachborn lost his hand in a farm
 accident while operating a grain chopper in
 1934, but managed very well with an
 artificial hand. He was a School Trustee of
 Victoria School Section for many years in
 addition to his township work. He died of a
 heart attack.

Sources: Schweitzers

HAGEY, JOSEPH B.,
 Township Council: Third Deputy Reeve 1894;
 First Deputy Reeve 1895, 1896; Reeve 1897,
 1898
 Years: 5 R-years: 2
 Born: 1848, Oct 4 Died: 1924, Oct 1
 Family: son of Bishop Joseph and Sophia
 Bricker
 Address: Preston, GCT126 (old Bishop Hagey
 homestead on the east side of the road from
 Preston to Breslau)
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Rebecca Snyder
 Children: Irvine; Ethel Eda; Walter; Elsie
 Edna; Laura Iva
 Religion: Methodist
 Landholdings: GCT126
 Acres: 200
 Locality: Riverbank
 Organizations: Zion Methodist Church, Maple
 Grove
 Notes: He was known as young Joseph or Der
 jung Josey Hagey, "a good farmer and is
 highly esteemed by all classes of people",
 according to Eby. Obituary in Galt Reporter
 describes him as one of the best known
 figures of the district, his parents having
 been among the pioneers. Died of stroke.
 Sources: HA; Eby #3473; obit Galt Reporter
 10/11/1924 p4

HALLMAN, ABRAHAM C.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1908, 1910,
 1911, 1912, 1913; Deputy Reeve 1914, 1915;
 Reeve 1916, 1917
 Years: 9 R-years: 2
 Born: 1858, Oct 25 Died: 1918, Oct 16
 Family: Son of John S. Hallman and Mary
 Clemens (3rd of 12 children)
 Address: first owned a farm between New
 Dundee and Petersburg; bought the Breslau,
 Spring Brook Stock Farm in 1895; the farm was
 purchased by H.L. Janzen following Hallman's
 death.
 Occupation: Farmer/breeder
 Spouse: Orinda Baldwin
 Children: No children
 Religion: Mennonite; Methodist
 Landholdings: GCT106/107
 Acres: 161
 Locality: Breslau
 Organizations: Holstein-Friesian Association
 of Canada - president
 North Waterloo Agricultural Board
 Trinity Methodist Church, Berlin
 Farm and Dairy - director of this periodical
 published in Peterborough
 Notes: One of the first Canadian breeders of
 Holstein-Friesian cattle, first exhibiting in
 1886. In 1906 he had a herd of over 60 head,
 importing cattle from both England and the
 United States. In 1893 he began breeding
 Tamworth swine. He acted as a judge of stock
 at all leading exhibitions as far west as
 Winnipeg and "he has also been one of the
 expert judges in connection with the
 Department of Agriculture ever since its
 inception." For many years he was on the
 staff of speakers of the Farmers' Institutes
 of Ontario. He also wrote the section on
 agriculture in 100 Years of Progress,
 published by the Chronicle Telegraph in 1906.
 "He was one of the staunchest supporters of
 the British cause throughout the years of the

recent appalling war, and proved himself upon every possible occasion to be a devoted friend of our soldiers and their dependents" (WHS1921). Born in Wilmot Tp near New Dundee, he died of a fall from a silo.

Sources: Eby #3519; photo in 100 Years of Progress; KPL vf watco cb; WHS1921 9:169-170; obit Chronicle Telegraph 24/10/1918p23.

HALLMAN, IRVIN C.
 Township Council: Councillor 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924; Second Deputy Reeve 1925, 1926; First Deputy Reeve 1927, 1928, 1929; Reeve 1930, 1931
 Years: 11 R-years: 2
 Born: 1874, Aug 20 Died: 1962, Sept 25
 Family: 10th child John S. Hallman and Mary Clemens
 Address: RR#1, Waterloo
 Occupation: Farmer; Livestock shipping agent
 Spouse: Elsie Mina Stauffer, d 1937
 Children: Ida Mae (m. John J. Brohman); Amy (m. Fred Snyder); Leighton; Morris; Laura (m. Elmer Stouffer)
 Religion: Methodist; United
 Landholdings: GCT32
 Acres: 211
 Locality: Rummelhardt
 Notes: He was born in Wilmot Township, educated at Rosebank Public School, and in 1902 bought the David Eby farm (219 acres) which adjoined Waterloo Township. In 1918 he started a cooperative plan for shipping cattle to Toronto, resulting in higher prices for the stock.
 * He succeeded Tilman S. Shantz as assessor for Waterloo Township in 1914, a post he held until 1920 when he was elected by acclamation to the Township Council.
 * 1931, Oct 10 - as reeve, opened the new road between the old Huron Road and the Pioneers' Monument.
 * He was part of the executive for the 2nd and 3rd Clemens Family Reunions in 1926 and 1931. Buried Erb Street Mennonite Cemetery, Waterloo
 Sources: obit KWR 26/9/1962; Eby #3526

HALTER, EDWARD,
 Township Council: Councillor 1875, 1876; First Deputy 1877, 1878; Reeve 1879
 Years: 5 R-years: 1
 Born: 1834, October 12 Died: 1917, October 29
 Family: son of Alexis and Caroline Haas
 Address: Freiburg, GCT82/New Germany
 Occupation: Farmer
 Origin: France, Lower Alsace
 Migration date: 1843
 Spouse: Mary Scharbach
 Children: Andrew; Rev. Joseph; Sister Veronica; Clement; Edward; Theresa; Mrs Gregory Kloepfer
 Religion: RCatholic
 Politics: Conservative
 Landholdings: GCT82/GCT83
 Acres: 168
 Locality: New Germany
 Organizations: Hopewell Creek Fire Insurance Co.
 Notes: He is described as being over six feet tall, broad and deep chested, and very strong. His wife was tall as well, and so were their children. He visited the pope, refusing to visit him in the regulation evening dress, and was given special dispensation to wear his farmer's tweeds. "Mr Halter was frequently urged to stand for office. Had he not declined he might have risen to important positions. He felt also that he lacked the refinement and social acquirements needed to mingle with those in higher walks of life" (WHS1917 5:59-60). He is said to have spoken three languages--French, German and English--and to have visited Europe on several occasions.
 * 1874 - appointed Justice of the Peace, the same year he was elected to Waterloo Township Council. He was a Notary Public and Commissioner of the High Court for about 45 years. In 1880 he promoted the Hopewell Creek

Fire Insurance Company of which he was president 6 years, and a director 12 years. His solutions to problems or disagreements are still quoted by older residents.

* His house in Maryhill is leased to the Historical Society of St Boniface and Maryhill Community.

Sources: WHS1917 5:59-60 with portrait

HASSAN, JAMES,
Township Council: Councillor 1856
Years: 1
Born: 1809 Died: 1886, Feb 9
Address: Freiburg, GCT98, on Tremaine map in 1861, immediately east of New Germany village crossroads, on township line and north of road to Guelph
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: Ireland
Migration date: 1830
Spouse: Margaret Chapman
Religion: RCatholic
Landholdings: GCT98
Acres: 78
Locality: New Germany
Notes: Many members of Hassan family were associated with St Boniface Roman Catholic Church, Maryhill, but in 1881, following the death of his wife, James suffered a loss of faith and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph.
* In 1861 census noted with household of 12 in 2-storey stone house; 78 acres, valued at \$1,580 in 1861
* Name variously spelled: Hasson in Historical Atlas; Hassen in 1861 census; Hassin on tombstone
Sources: Listed in Breitkopf's Roman Catholic census of Maryhill in 1866, but not listed in A journal of New Germany. John Hassan at Lot 5 UB (Bridgeport in voters' list); obit Dumfries Reformer 18/2/1886p4; Donna Madill

HENDERSON, THOMAS,
Township Council: Councillor 1856, 1857, 1858
Years: 3
Born: 1811 Died: 1892, Mar 3
Address: Blair, BNS2E
Occupation: Farmer
Origin: Scotland, Roxburghshire
Migration date: 1831
Spouse: Isabella Young
Children: Adam; Ann; James; Janet; Isabella; Elspeth; Thomas
Religion: Presbyterian
Landholdings: BNS2E
Acres: 100
Locality: English Settlement
Organizations: St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Berlin
Notes: 1832 - settled on farm 2 miles from Blair on the Waterloo Township line on farm later known as "Rose Bank" at English Settlement. Noted as JP on Tremaine map, with household of 7 in 1-storey frame house in 1861 census
* 1879 - sold farm to W. Beattie of Roseville and moved to Berlin
Sources: 1861 census; obit Dumfries Reformer 10/3/1892 "Another pioneer gone"

HENRY, WILLIAM,
Township Council: Councillor 1864, 1865,
1866, 1867, 1868

Years: 5

Born: 1811, June Died: 1880, Sept 4

Family: son of John Henry, brother of Thomas

Address: GCT91, 160 acres

Occupation: Farmer; Minister

Origin: Ireland

Migration date: 1811 to North America; 1837
to Waterloo Tp

Spouse: Dorcas

Children: Jane; John; Orrin; Mary Anne;
William Henry; James; Sarah; Thomas; Dorcas

Religion: Christian

Landholdings: GCT91

Acres: 160

Locality: Kossuth

Notes: Henry was township assessor for Ward 1 in 1853, 1854, 1857, 1858 and 1861; fence viewer in 1857 and 1859, overseer of highways in 1857, pound keeper in 1862, and collector in 1862 and 1863. Ambrose quotes \$36 payment for being councillor in 1867 and payments are mentioned for other services (WHS1993 81:9-11)

* He founded a Bible Christian Church in 1831 near Kossuth on the northwestern part of his property, GCT91, close to the Guelph townline. He moved to Harriston in the late 1860s where he founded Jerusalem Christian Church. He died in 1880 in Harriston.

Sources: WHS1993 81:9-11; 1861 census

HERTEL, HERMAN,
Township Council: Councillor 1895, 1899;
Third Deputy Reeve 1896; Second Deputy Reeve
1897, 1898

Years: 5

Born: 1849, Feb 19 Died: 1922, April 5

Family: brother of Isaac?; Frederick H. in
1861, tailor on GCT118?

Address: Berlin, pt Lot 54/Freeport

Occupation: Building contractor

Spouse: Marion Gehl

Children: Norman; Jacob; Amos; Maude; Mrs
Adam Scharman

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT54

Acres: 20

Locality: Centreville

Organizations: First Mennonite Church
Cemetery, Kitchener

Waterloo Tp, SS 4, Pine Grove

Notes: Built a new buff brick school in 1889
at Pine Grove, Waterloo Tp SS 4

* Died at Freeport; special car hired to take
relatives from Preston to East End Mennonite
Cemetery for funeral (Daily Record 5/4/1922;
"well known and highly respected citizen of
Freeport" (obit Waterloo Chronicle 13/4/1922)

* A Mrs Herman Hertel lived in Freeport in
1940--see her sister's obituary, Mrs Aaron
Shantz (M. & J. Snyder p333). A Herman
Hertel (1888-1944) is buried in Freeport Pioneer
Cemetery.

Sources: WHS1979 67:87; M. & J. Snyder p333;
short obits in Waterloo Chronicle 13/4/1922
and Daily Record 5/4/1922

ISLEY, THEODORE HENRY,
Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1952; Reeve
1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970,
1971, 1972

Years: 10 R-years: 9

Born: 1912, Oct. 13

Family: son of George and Josephine Vollmer

Address: GCT106, RR 2, Breslau, Highway 7

Occupation: Farmer/breeder; insurance agent

Spouse: Rita M. Zuber

Children: George William; Maryann Josephine;
John (adopted Yugoslavian child)

Religion: RCatholic

Politics: CCF

Landholdings: GCT106

Locality: Shantz Station

Organizations: Breslau Co-Operative
Waterloo County Centennial, 1952

Children's Aid Society

Waterloo County Supplies Co-operative

St Boniface Roman Catholic Church, Maryhill

Notes: Family moved from Wellesley Tp to
Breslau area in 1920s; later bought farm from
wife's family, the Zubers in 1949, one mile
north of the home farm. His farm was next to
his father's so that he could help his father
and share the equipment.

* A largely self-educated man who credits his
political aspirations on his experiences
during the Depression, when Kitchener women
held out their aprons to beg for potatoes and
the woman to whom the farm mortgage was
due didn't ask for the money because she
"couldn't eat money and she couldn't use the
farm" (KPL OHT)

* MPP for Waterloo South in 1948, in which he
defeated the Liberal candidate, Norman Hipel,
and Gordon Chaplin, Progressive Conservative.
He was one of the key people in developing
the farm policy for the CCF.

* Lost the 1951 provincial election, but was
nominated the following day for Deputy Reeve.
The issues that year were police corruption

and neglect of duty on the part of the township chief of police, and a larger school administration. Isley supported a regional police force and a township school board, neither of which were immediately popular. He didn't see political divisions between rural and urban sectors, but between Galt and the rest of the township.

* In 1962 he was part of Herb Schneider's group of citizens for better government. He was supposed to find candidates to nominate and when the candidate for Reeve backed out, proposed himself. He was Reeve from 1963 until Regional Government.

* Founding president of the Breslau Co-operative in 1947; Chairman of the Waterloo Centennial Committee in 1952; Secretary of the Farm Forum for many years.

* Bred purebred Holsteins, beef cattle, and hogs. The Isley family were active in the work of the Children's Aid Society, and housed four children placed by that society. "Mr Isley has always been a strong advocate for child welfare and security for the aged and has devoted a great deal of time at this point to benefit as many as are deserving. His recreations are reading good books and studying nature" (Burkholder). He was active with the Breslau Fuel and Supplies Co-operative; Educational and Public Relations Committee of Breslau Co-operative Association; Supervisory Committee-Breslau Credit Union Ltd; Ontario Section of the Co-operative Commonwealth Federation; Petroleum Committee-Breslau-Guelph Co-operatives; Consumers Co-operative, Waterloo, Co-operative Medical Services, Waterloo County Supplies Co-operative, and the St Boniface Church, Maryhill.

Sources: Profile with photo in Burkholder pp454-5; KPL OHT

JAMES, QUENTIN,
Township Council: Councillor 1964, 1965 when he replaced Leonard Burton, 1966, 1967
Years: 4
Address: RR3 Kitchener, Chicopee Hills
Occupation: Business executive
Origin: Quebec?
Migration date: 1952
Locality: Centreville
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 5, Centreville
Notes: General manager of Autotronic Control Company, located on Block Line
* Endorsed by Township Committee for Better Government in November 1963; he decided to stand because the township council needed board business experience and because he was dissatisfied with schools issue and overspending of roads budget; SS 5 trustee.
* Not elected in later 1963 but accepted vacancy created when Leonard Burton killed in car crash returning from road inspection in June 1964.
Sources: KWR 14/11/1963 and following election coverage; newspapers;
* photo in OCCA Galt Reporter personal info files

JANSEN, AUGUST,
Township Council: Councillor 1899, 1900, 1901, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915; Deputy Reeve 1916, 1917; Reeve 1918, 1919, 1920
Years: 14 **R-years:** 3
Born: 1849 **Died:** 1933, Mar 9
Address: Centreville; GCT54 Freeport in 1906 directory
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Margaret Faust
Children: Clara
Religion: RCatholic
Landholdings: GCT54
Acres: 105
Locality: Centreville
Organizations: Preston Horticultural Society
Notes: Centreville Tweedsmuir notes that August purchased the farm of David S. Wismer from John Erb in 1895. The farm land was later the site of the Centreville station, the O.W. Thompson fox ranch, the camp meeting site of the Mennonite Brethren in Christ, part of a Kitchener cemetery, and many houses. The name Janzen is spelled with a "z" in the township records and in directories, while the cemetery records and Tweedsmuir history spell it with an "s". Buried in the Arlington Blvd portion of Woodland Cemetery.
* In contest for Deputy Reeve in early 1916, Jansen was condemned by Galt Reporter (6 January 1916) for alleged pro-German tendencies and un-British expression "placing himself in a position to be unworthy of a place at the County and Township Councils." He "denied allegations and imputations" and in a "keenly contested election" was returned by a majority of 66 over rival, Amos Groff.
Sources: Centreville Tweedsmuir; assessment rolls; Groff accusations in Galt Reporter 6/11/1916; death mentioned Kitchener Daily Record 11/3/1933

JANZEN, HENRY,
 Township Council: Councillor 1945;
 Councillor 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971
 Years: 7
 Born: 1915, March 11
 Family: son of Charles H. Janzen and Caroline Guggisberg
 Address: GCT107, RR 2, Breslau
 Occupation: Plant nursery business
 Religion: Baptist
 Politics: Conservative
 Landholdings: GCT107
 Acres: 166
 Locality: Shantz Station
 Organizations: Breslau Co-Operative
 Waterloo Tp, SS 14, Shantz Station
 Notes: Born in Berlin, one of five children (Louis, Frederick, Margaret and Elizabeth). In 1920 the family nursery and florist business founded by grandfather Henry Louis, who was a Berlin community leader for years, moved to A.C. Hallman's estate, Springbrook, where the father kept greenhouses (assessed in mother's name in 1951). H.L. Janzen bought property when Hallman killed by fall from silo.
 * He was educated at the Shantz Station School (taught by Aggie Sullivan, later Mrs Hergott), at Waterloo Lutheran College (as boarder), at K-W Collegiate, and graduated from OAC in 1939 in horticulture--"we didn't have too many dreams in the thirties." In nursery, his main function was to keep boiler operating to heat greenhouses; recalls shipping violets to Montreal (KPL OHT)
 * Challenged Robert Cowan for reeveship in 1944, when campaign issue was reassessment, and elected as councillor following year. Describes campaign methods on OH tape, and also sister Elizabeth's PC campaign against Norman Schneider in federal election. Henry Janzen was the first secretary-treasurer of the Breslau Co-operative, founded in 1947

(WHS1969 57:41). In 1963 he sold the farm and built a home near Hopewell Creek. Following retirement he re-entered local politics and in 1966 as a councilor he became involved with the GRCA, swapping that department with the fire department for the benefit of Quentin James.

Sources: WHS1969 57:41; KPL OHT

JOHANNES, JAMES NELSON, "JIM",
 Township Council: Councillor 1946, 1948, 1962, 1963; Deputy Reeve 1949, 1950, 1955; Reeve 1952, 1953, 1956, 1957, 1958
 Years: 12 R-years: 5
 Born: 1900, May 10 Died: 1989, Feb 26
 Family: Son of George Johannes, a Blair blacksmith and owner of the Blair General Store, and brother of Lorne, Elmer, Milton and Edward
 Address: Blair/Preston; St Luke's Home, Cambridge
 Occupation: Auctioneer
 Spouse: Clara Kiehaber
 Children: George; Robert; Douglas; Mary; Marjorie; Louise
 Religion: Baptist
 Landholdings: Blair
 Locality: Blair
 Organizations: Blair Athol, Blair Doon Pioneer Village
 Waterloo Historical Society
 Benton Street Baptist Church, Kitchener
 Temple Baptist Church, Cambridge
 Cambridge Christian Businessmen's Committee
 Evangelical Baptist Church, Blair
 Gideon Memorial Bible Society
 Social Credit Association of Ontario
 Blair Union Sunday School
 Notes: James Johannes was an auctioneer, lay preacher, and a founding member of the Board of Directors of Doon Pioneer Village. Later he donated a stone water trough from "Blair Athol" to Pioneer Village, subsequently selling the buildings and few acres which he had bought in 1939 -- in 1967.
 * He left school at 13, doing (very) odd jobs: these included shooting crows and groundhogs, running a horse-powered sausage factory, and serving as a race-horse groom. For 15 years (1924-1939) he ran a grocery business in Blair with his wife, when he was also Express Agent for the Grand Trunk

Railway which ran ten trains a day through Blair. He also had a rural mail route for several years. In 1945 he sold the store and became an auctioneer in 1947.

* He was instrumental in acquiring many of the Doon Pioneer buildings, as well as the replica of Waterloo Town Hall as a centennial project. He was a life member of the Waterloo Historical Society and a member of the Christian Business Men's Association, which held services most Sunday afternoons at Doon Pioneer Village in 1968 under his direction. Johannes was superintendent of Blair Union School for ten years or more and was Deacon and treasurer of "The Church" at Blair. He was Warden of Waterloo County in 1958 and a director of the Social Credit Association of Ontario in the 1950s. He was a founding member of the Cambridge Christian Businessmen's Committee.

* A poem entitled "Blair" by Aaron Hagey, the hayseed poet, says: "And then there is our merchant Jim/ Who runs the corner store./He's noted for his pleasant smile/And never getting sore;/He's on the job from morn till night/ And tries to please them all./And any one in need of gas/He's sure to hear the call." Joe Zinger tells how in the 1950s election when both Jim Johannes and Clayton Rickert were running for Township reeve, Johannes characterized the election as a race between the godly and the ungodly even though both attended their own churches regularly. Rickert won the election.

Sources: Newspapers; KPL OHT; KPL vf; OCCA; Leggett;

* photo in KWR 21/12/1972 "Wardens gather" or Cambridge Times 19/9/1973 p10B

JOHANNES, LORNE,
Township Council: Councillor 1940, 1941,
1942
Years: 3
Born: 1902, Jul 3 **Died:** 1984, May 18
Family: youngest of five sons of George Johannes, a Blair blacksmith
Address: Blair/Galt
Occupation: Blacksmith; Newspaper agent
Spouse: Lois Sherk
Children: Peter; Carol
Religion: Baptist
Landholdings: Blair
Locality: Blair
Organizations: Ontario Rural Hockey Association
Ontario Rural Softball Association
Forward Baptist Church
Blair Hornets
Christian Businessmen's Committee of Cambridge
Galt Evening Reporter
Cambridge Gideon Group
Guelph Correctional Centre chaplaincy service
Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission
Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship's Pioneer Camp in Muskoka
Blair Union Sunday School
Blair Board of Trade
Blair Cemetery, Waterloo Tp
Notes: Lorne was the last Johannes to be a blacksmith in Blair, selling the equipment in 1926. He organized the Blair Board of Trade, advocated the cleaning up of Blair Cemetery, and was superintendent of the Blair Union Sunday School. He was circulation manager of the Cambridge Daily Reporter for 45 years, retiring in 1973. He began a carrier boy in his teens, and then became the Blair correspondent. He founded both the Ontario Rural Hockey Association in 1931 and the Rural Softball Association in 1932 with Dr John Seaton. These organizations helped the

rural communities compete more fairly with teams from larger towns and from cities. He was captain and manager of the Blair Hornets. He founded or helped found the Forward Baptist Church of Cambridge and the Knox Presbyterian Church Golden Hour. When he retired he became a gardener and grew mammoth vegetables. He was inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame in 1974, and there was a Lorne Johannes Appreciation Night in May 1979. None of the articles mention his township office.

Sources: KPL vf, Leggett, v1; Hall of Fame photo

KENNEDY, ARTHUR,

Township Council: Councillor 1959, 1960, 1961, 1963, 1964, 1965; Deputy Reeve 1966, 1967; 1968, 1969

Years: 10

Born: 1915, Apr 11 Died: 1979, Feb 7

Family: Son of Jim and Lillian (Busch) of Macton area, Wellesley Township

Address: Maryhill, RR 1, Breslau

Occupation: Farmer; Trucker (cattle and fertilizer for local farmers)

Spouse: Vera Brohman

Children: John; Ronald; Carole; Marie; Anne

Religion: RCatholic

Politics: Liberal

Landholdings: GCT77 (pt)

Acres: 98

Locality: Victoria

Organizations: Knights of Columbus

Notes: Came to Waterloo to work for Seagrams in early 1930s and returned after working one summer for an uncle in Saskatchewan.

* House on GCT77 has original 1831 log construction; farm bought from father-in-law, John Brohman in 1951, who had bought it from the Beitz Estate in a tax sale. Olive Schweitzer, for Bloomingdale Tweedsmuir made a title search, finding that land originally belonged to Abraham Erb. April 30, 1842: 98 acres sold to Mathies Beitz Sr by Executors of Abraham Erb Estate; January 3, 1890 by Mathies Beitz Estate to Lorenz Beitz.

Sources: Schweitzers

KING, ARTHUR CASE,

Township Council: Councillor 1948, 1949, 1951

Years: 3

Born: 1893 Died: 1972, Sept 6

Family: son of Solomon

Address: 80 McGee Ave

Occupation: Rubber worker

Origin: St Johns, Newfoundland

Migration date: c1922

Spouse: Lillian Moore; Mary Buckley (Williams)

Children: George; Bernard

Religion: Salvation Army

Locality: Sunnyside

Organizations: B.F. Goodrich Co., Kitchener Salvation Army, Kitchener

Notes: Rubber worker more than 30 years

* Commissioned sergeant major of Salvation Army, formerly bandmaster of Kitchener Corps

* He was present at the opening of Kingsdale post office in 1949. The post office was located in Sunnyside, on Highway 8 east of Kitchener, previously part of RR 3, Kitchener.

Sources: WHS1980 68:39; obit KWR 7/9/1972p26

KINZIE, SIMON,

Township Council: Councillor 1918, 1919; Deputy Reeve 1920, 1932, 1933; Reeve 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937

Years: 14 R-years: 9

Born: 1866, Nov. 1 Died: 1940, June 22

Family: Son of Moses and Leah Eby

Address: GCT116, 2 miles S of Breslau, the Eli Sherk farm

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Sarah Kraft

Children: Luella; Geneva; Maurice

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT116

Acres: 140

Locality: Breslau

Notes: Farm had 174 acres under father Moses in 1881, down to 140 in 1920s. Spelling of name always Kinsie in township records.

* Farm which he moved to in 1872 was part of the old Dr Shirk estate, "one of the finest farm homes in this section, and it is kept in a thoroughly improved condition by its present occupant. Simon Kinzie is also one of our up to date farmers, and there are few to excel him in fitting livestock for the export market. His crops also generally look thrifty and bear evidence of a proper fertilization and cultivation of the soil" (Newcombe). Simon was Warden of Waterloo County in 1937. The first road grader was bought by the township when Kinzie was reeve in the 30s his neighbour, Vernon Mader, became the first operator (WHS1971 59:62).

* Returned from retirement after D-Reeve W.W. Tilt died suddenly, 6 Feb 1932.

* Buried in Breslau Mennonite Cemetery, but attended Stirling Ave

Sources: Eby #4082; WHS1971 59:62; Newcombe; obit KWR 22/6/1940p3

KLEIN, FRANK A.
Township Council: Councillor 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929; Second Deputy Reeve 1930, 1931
Years: 6
Born: 1879, Mar 9 **Died:** 1957, Jan 31
Family: son of Joseph and Frances Schaefter
Address: New Germany
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Teresa Zettel
Children: Laura (m. Mike Kurtz Jr); Oscar; Edward; Frank; Elizabeth (m. Albert Zinger); Annie Halter; Frances (m. Frank Waechter); Stella (m. Charles Longstaff); Mary (m. Lawrence Warren); Clara (m. Chester Reilly)
Religion: RCatholic
Landholdings: GCT98
Acres: 82
Locality: New Germany
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 13, New Germany
 St Boniface Roman Catholic Church, Maryhill
 St Boniface Separate School, Maryhill
 Holy Name Society, Maryhill
Notes: Member of the school board for 11 years, secretary-treasurer for 9 years
Sources: obit KWR 1/2/1957
 * photo Confederation number p29

KLIE, LESLIE C.
Township Council: Councillor 1943, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1950; Deputy Reeve 1946, 1951
Years: 7
Born: 1887 **Died:** 1969, Dec 8
Family: son of Henry and Clara Nahrgang
Address: Bridgeport (GCT125), on the west side of the Grand River about one mile northwest of Bridgeport, otherwise known as RR#2, Waterloo
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Cora Hallman
Children: Vernon; Harold; Carl; John; George; Fred; June (m. George Knopf)
Religion: Evangelical
Landholdings: GCT125
Acres: 130
Locality: Bridgeport
Organizations: Waterloo Township District High School Board
 Purity Dairy, Kitchener
 Bridgeport Evangelical Church
 Emmanuel United Church, Bridgeport
Notes: Parents came from Germany in about 1880. Leslie first came to Bridgeport area c.1915 as herdsman for Henry Knell with Holstein herd on what became known as Brubacher farm north of Bridgeport between Woolwich and University. Then c.1918 bought 80-acre farm in Mannheim area returning to Bridgeport in 1923 when Leslie bought 135 acres of GCT125 (from Levi and Hannah Snyder) to operate as dairy farm. (According to son George, Leslie exchanged operating farm with Gottfried Doechn.)
 * Bought Purity Dairy in 1935 (Victoria Street South) for sons Vern, Harry and Carl. Increased capacity from 6 cans to 180 daily by 1962/3. Son Vern had worked for Burkhardt Dairy on Breithaupt St (later Maple Lane) and then went to OAC to learn the business. Purity sold to Maple Lane Nov. 1, 1963.
 * He represented Waterloo Township Council at

the sod-turning for Bridgeport's new school in 1950.

* In the oral history tapes, Joe Zinger refers to Klle as an old-timer politician though a good councillor; at election times he did plenty of mud-slinging and didn't pay too much attention to issues. Barbara (Boettger) Quickfall recalls the polls held in her childhood home at Lexington and how Klle brought in the Mennonite farmers to vote and would talk over local matters around the stove in Henry Bowman's blacksmith shop in Lexington.

* Klle a member of the Waterloo Township District High School Board in 1961.

* Farm sold for development in 1967; barn sold to Mennonites to replace one burned down and log cabin offered to Doon Pioneer Village (but not taken up). In 1963 he and his wife lived with his son George in the Bridgeport area.

Sources: WHS1939 27:80; KPL OHT with Joseph Zinger; photograph of Leslie Klle who was representing the township council at the sod turning for Bridgeport school in 1950 in the Bridgeport Tweedsmuir; reel 3 of Bridgeport Tweedsmuir has a clipping 26/1/1963 of him celebrating his 50th wedding anniversary; obit KWR 9/12/1969. B. Quickfall story in Bridgeport News 15/2 (Winter 1995) pp4-5

KNECHTEL, CRANSON,
 Township Council: Councillor 1968, 1969,
 1970, 1971, 1972
 Years: 5
 Born: 1929
 Family: son of Edward B.
 Occupation: Wholesale grocer
 Children: Paul; Maebelle
 Locality: Elmdale
 Organizations: House of Friendship,
 Kitchener
 Knechtel Wholesale Grocers Ltd/Knechtel Corp.
 Notes: Knechtel was head of Knechtel
 Corporation in 1979, associated with the
 House of Friendship in Kitchener, and has
 "served on the boards of numerous civic and
 church-related organizations."
 Sources: KPL vf Knechtel Corp

KOEHLER, LOUIS,
 Township Council: Councillor 1891, 1897,
 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901; Reeve 1902, 1903
 Years: 8 R-years: 2
 Born: 1845, Feb 23 Died: 1931, Jan 27
 Family: son of Christian
 Address: Waterloo, GCT43/16 Allan East,
 Waterloo
 Occupation: Farmer
 Origin: Germany
 Migration date: 1846
 Spouse: Catharine Schaefer
 Children: Henry; William; Mrs Henry
 Doerbecker; Mrs Jacob Foerster; Mrs Albert
 Stroh; Mrs Milton Schaaf
 Religion: Lutheran
 Politics: Conservative
 Landholdings: GCT43/44
 Acres: 123
 Locality: Rummelhardt
 Organizations: St Peter's Lutheran Church,
 Berlin
 Berlin Horticultural Association
 Liberal-Conservative Association (executive)
 Notes: Father recorded in 1861 on 44 acres
 of GCT21, immediately west of Berlin. Louis
 was a member of the first confirmation class
 of St Peter's Lutheran Church, Berlin, on
 Palm Sunday 1863, while services were still
 being held in the Town Hall.
 * In 1877-8 gazetteer and 1895 Union
 directory, Louis listed on GCT43 (father
 Christian still on GCT45). Louis still there
 in 1906 (Union). The Waterloo Chronicle noted
 in its front page obituary that Koehler was a
 "prominent farmer and was well known for his
 superior apples and vegetables which were
 shown at various fall fairs and carried off
 first prizes. For a long period of years he
 was a regular attendant at the Waterloo
 Market." He was one of the first directors of
 the Berlin Horticultural Society when it was
 formed in 1882 (Uttley).

* Obit mistaken in saying Koehler was on
 Wellesley Township Council for 13 years and
 Reeve for two years? Retired to Waterloo and
 buried in Waterloo cemetery.

Sources: St Matthews Evangelical Church
 anniversary report 1904-1929 (photo); obit in
 Waterloo Chronicle; Uttley

KRAFT, AARON,
 Township Council: Councillor in 1877, 1878;
 Second Deputy Reeve 1879; First Deputy Reeve
 in 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883
Years: 7
Born: 1835, Jan 12 **Died:** 1897, Dec 22
Family: third son of George and Esther
 Bingeman
Address: GCT42, in 1879 moved to Waterloo
Occupation: Farmer/Miller
Spouse: Mary Schneider
Children: Josiah; Lydia Ann; Mary Ann;
 Abraham; Hannah; Magdalena (m. Lehman
 Shirk)
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT42
Acres: 231
Locality: Rummelhardt
Organizations: Union Mills, Waterloo
Notes: Following marriage in 1858, moved to
 farm a few miles west of Waterloo, later
 occupied by Mr Hunsberger. Four of six
 children died in infancy.
 * Owner of Union Mills with William Snider
 from 1879 to 1898. Also owned 37 acres in
 Pilkington Township where he operated a saw
 mill.
 * In 1884, bought Walden property on Albert
 Street and moved into Waterloo. He was a "man
 of a quiet and peaceable disposition and
 highly respected by all with whom he came in
 contact in either business or social
 relations" (obit).
Sources: WHS1979 67:74; Eby #4162; obit
 Waterloo Chronicle 23/12/1897 p5; obit Berlin
 News Record

KRAFT, MOSES,
 Township Council: Councillor in 1875 and
 1876
Years: 2
Born: 1833, May 23 **Died:** 1907, Nov 30
Family: 1st son of George and Esther
 Bingeman
Address: Bridgeport
Occupation: Farmer/Stock dealer; Real estate
 investor
Spouse: Magdalena Hagey
Children: Jacob; Magdalena (n. Abraham B.
 Clemmer); Ephriam; William; Cyrus; Solomon;
 Sarah (m. Simon Kinzie); Allan; Ezra; George
 Henry; Almina
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT112 - Bingeman Estate;
 Sherington Farm adjoining his farm to the
 north
Acres: 272
Locality: Bridgeport
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 11,
 Bridgeport
Notes: After marriage farmed a few miles
 west of Waterloo, then moved to family
 farmstead (and birthplace) in Bridgeport,
 GCT112, 283 acres, formerly John Bingeman's
 land, assessed 272 acres in 1881; owned 600
 acres of land (with butchering business) in
 1896.
 * Called by Eby a good farmer and shrewd
 businessman who in 1896 was devoting his time
 to managing his extensive farms. In 1879 he
 was a school trustee for Bridgeport school.
Sources: Eby #4149; said in obit (BDT
 2/12/1907) to have died of heart failure
 while eating an apple.

KRIBS, LEWIS,
 Township Council: Councillor in 1873; Second
 Deputy Reeve 1874; First Deputy Reeve in
 1875; Reeve 1876
Years: 4 **R-years:** 1
Born: 1829, Dec 1 **Died:** 1908, March 12
Family: Son of Aaron Kribs
Address: BLB3-8 ; BLB3-13 also in 1906 dir.
Occupation: Contractor/builder
Origin: Wellington County, Eramosa Township
Migration date: 1846
Spouse: Elizabeth Panabaker
Children: Sarah Ann (m. Henry Bradley);
 Henry Aaron; Lewis Panabaker; William Abram;
 George Alexander; Elizabeth Rebecca (Lizzie);
 Margaret Minerva (m. Walter Renwick); Clara
 Jane; Olive Ellen; Mary Victoria; Florence
 Almira
Religion: Presbyterian
Politics: Conservative
Landholdings: BLB3-8/13
Acres: 125
Locality: Hespeler
Organizations: Knox's Presbyterian Church,
 Galt
 Waterloo County House of Industry and Refuge
 Holm's Mills, Hespeler
 W.A. Kribs Manufacturing Co., Hespeler
 Simplicity Products Ltd, Hespeler
 St James Lutheran Church, Hespeler
 St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hespeler
 Hespeler Methodist Church
 Knox's Presbyterian Church, Galt
Notes: He was the contractor for the
 Waterloo Township Hall and the Waterloo
 County House of Industry and Refuge in 1868
 (WHS1947 35:22), the Methodist and
 Presbyterian Churches in Hespeler, St James
 Lutheran Church, Hespeler and Knox's Church,
 Galt, erected in 1869-70. The bridges at
 Freeport, Bridgeport, and across the Nith at
 New Hamburg were also contracted for by
 Kribs. He also built a store and dwelling at

31-32 Queen Street, Hespeler for John Chapman, the Turnbull factory at Galt and the Forbes factory.

* Owned saw, shingle, and planing mills in Hespeler where he was also Reeve from 1880 to 1884. (In the Hespeler election of 1878, Kribs was nominated for reeve without his knowledge or consent. Finding it too late to withdraw, he distributed cards to the electors asking them as a personal favour to vote for John Chapman). He was Hespeler village clerk from 1859 to 1866 and Warden of Waterloo County in 1883. He was listed in the Armstrong & Co's Directory of 1878 as a maker of doors, sashes, blinds, and mouldings and also listed under lumber mills, lath, shingles, headings and staves. Also two farms in the Hespeler area, 450 acres at one time but down to 125 acres by 1881. Farmer in 1871 census.

* He became owner of the Holm flour mills two miles north of Hespeler in 1882; he modernized them and introduced the roller system. His son, William, took over the Holm mill in 1899.

Sources: 1871 census; Eby #5106; photo in Oscar Eby; obit Hespeler Herald 19/3/1908p5; OCCA geneal. file under Brewster; Armstrong & Co. directory for 1878

LATSCH, GEORGE W.,
Township Council: Councillor 1925

Years: 1

Born: 1873, Dec 22 Died: 1956, June

Family: son of George Latsch who died in 1935 and was buried in Freeport Pioneer Cemetery

Address: Centreville, RR#3

Occupation: Farmer/veterinarian, breeder and dairy operator

Spouse: Bertha Weber

Children: Vardon S.; Howard E.; Lillian (m. Glen Betterly)

Religion: UBrethren

Landholdings: BOS12

Acres: 138

Locality: Centreville

Notes: Latsch bred Jersey cattle and "in addition to his farming activities he took a keen interest in community affairs and formerly directed local plowing matches" (obit). Township's truancy officer in 1915?

* Funeral service was held at Alma Street United Brethren Church

Sources: obit KWR 28/6/1956

MARTIN, SAMUEL D.,
Township Council: Councillor 1861, 1862;
Reeve 1863

Years: 3 R-years: 1

Born: 1820, Feb 9 Died: 1903, March 20

Family: third son of Abram B. and Barbara Weaver

Address: Preston

Occupation: Carpenter (1871 census); Farmer; License inspector from 1878

Origin: PA, Lancaster County

Migration date: 1825/1824 (Eby)

Spouse: Mary Lutz

Children: Minerva; Lillian Elsie; Martha; Charles; William; Barbara; Abram L.; Jane L. (m. Franklin Jacobs); Keziah L. (m. Edward Sauder); Mary L. (m. Melvin L. Robinson); Samuel L.; George L.; 6 children died before they were 3

Religion: Mennonite (NA in 1871 census)

Politics: Reformer

Landholdings: BBF26

Acres: 50

Locality: Pine Grove

Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 4, Pine Grove
Notes: Before he started farming, he worked as a carpenter and "erected many of the older buildings in Preston. At one time he also operated a brick yard" (obit)

* He was a member of the Waterloo Township Road and Bridge Committee in 1861 with Wendell Bowman and a trustee of Pine Grove School during the latter half of the nineteenth century. He was paid 25 pounds in 1850 in account of contract for sheeting the bridge over the Speed at Preston (Snyders, p85). According to Eby, Samuel "followed farming for some time and was inspector of hotels for the South Riding of the county of Waterloo [for 12 years, obit].

* "At present he lives retired, and owns a beautiful residence near Dr Lundy's, Preston, where he now resides" (in 1895). Died at home

of daughter, Mrs A.E. Saunders of Saginaw, Michigan. Buried in Hagey Mennonite Cemetery.

Sources: Eby #4611 (refers to him as Samuel W.); obit Galt Weekly Reporter 26/10/1903

MCKAY, JOHN FINLAY,
Township Council: Councillor 1888, 1889, 1890; Third Deputy Reeve 1891 and 1892; Second Deputy Reeve 1893, 1894
Years: 7
Born: 1847? **Died:** 1924, Sept. 16
Family: son of Donald
Address: Bloomingdale, GCT77, 156 acres but only 80 acres with ashery on 1881 map; Uttley mentions a former house on South Queen Street where Joseph Schneider first built a log house (WHS1932 20:315); South Queen Street, Berlin (Uttley)
Occupation: Farmer/stock dealer; on the editorial board of the Telegraph; grocery store on Queen Street South
Spouse: Nancy Nichols
Children: Laughlin; Donald
Religion: Methodist
Politics: Liberal, becoming more independent as he grew older
Landholdings: GCT77
Acres: 156
Locality: Victoria
Organizations: Trinity Methodist Church, Berlin
 North Waterloo Agricultural Society
 Freeport Hospital
Notes: His obituary describes him as possessing an intuitiveness, wide knowledge, and an affable disposition. He took a keen interest in public affairs and delighted in debate, writing often to the newspapers. His obituary said that [in the Township] "only the popularity and long service of John M. Sipes who defeated him in the contest for the Reeve's chair prevented him from attaining the highest honors."
 * He farmed his father's land till moved to Kitchener in 1901 where he joined the editorial staff of the Telegraph. He also opened a grocery store on South Queen Street for a time.

* He was elected to Berlin Town Council, serving as an alderman and running as a candidate for mayor several times. He always polled a high vote "as he enjoyed the confidence of many older citizens." He was a member of the Church Board of Trinity United in 1873 (Uttley). Berlin councillor 1904-5 and 1917-18, 3rd D reeve in 1909-1910, and chair of Berlin Board of Health 1912 when he supported sites for Freeport Sanatorium at Chicopee Heights and German Mills.
 Sources: WHS1932 20:315; obit in Kitchener Daily Record 16/9/1924p1; photo Berlin 1912 p134; photo of Berlin Town Council in Buffalo Courier 30/1/1910; Uttley

MCNALLY, HENRY,

Township Council: Councillor 1862, 1863;
 Deputy Reeve 1864, 1865, 1866; First Deputy
 Reeve 1867, 1868; 1869, 1876; Reeve 1870,
 1871, 1875, 1877, 1878

Years: 14 R-years: 5

Born: 1824, June 13 Died: 1908, Feb 5

Family: son of Sarah Kinzel and Henry

McNally who arrived from Pennsylvania in 1826
 and settled on the Woolwich road just above
 Preston, where they opened a small hostelry;
 brother of Rev. John McNally of the New
 Mennonite Church

Address: BOS10 and 11; Blair, on the old
 "Bricker Place" (Eby)

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: born near Dundas

Spouse: Louisa Roth

Children: Mary Ann; Sarah; Solinda; Henry

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: BOS11

Acres: 154

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Blair Mills

Notes: Warden of Waterloo County 1878. In
 1875 he converted the Blair gristmill into a
 woollen mill with Angus McNally, Oliver
 Clemens, and Moses Eshelman. Oliver Kummer
 quotes his description of the flooding of the
 Grand near Blair shortly after 1850, when the
 Railway Bridge was swept away (WHS1973
 61:36)

* Note BBF16 (10 acres) sold to father Henry
 McNally November 22, 1824, part of John
 Shupe's estate (WHS1934 22:103)

Sources: 1871 census; WHS1934 22:103;
 WHS1973 61:36; Eby #4702; obit Galt Daily
 Reporter 10/2/1908p8c1.

MITCHELL, WILLIAM,

Township Council: Councillor in 1886, 1893,
 1894

Years: 3

Born: 1842, Oct 3 Died: 1909, Oct 9
 (buried at Winterbourne)

Family: son of William Mitchell of
 Winterbourne

Address: Waterloo/GCT30 (150 acres), P.O.
 Waterloo in 1888 voters' list

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Eliza Burnett

Children: James; William; Edward; George;
 Isabel (m. Benj. Playford); Annie (m. Jacob
 Good); Jennie (m. David Groff); Maggie

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: GCT30

Acres: 150

Locality: Erbsville

Organizations: St Paul's Presbyterian
 Church, Waterloo
 Waterloo Tp, SS 10, Erbsville
 Waterloo Township Council

Notes: School trustee (for 5 or 25 yrs) and
 fenceviewer; founder, elder and precentor of
 St Paul's Presbyterian Church, Waterloo.

* "one of the best known farmers in this
 section... a man of most congenial and
 affectionate disposition... kindness of heart
 and willingness to assist where help was
 needed (obits)

Sources: obituaries in Chronicle Telegraph
 and Berlin News Record

MOSER, CHARLES W.,

Township Council: Councillor 1930, 1931,
 1932, 1933

Years: 4

Born: 1868 Died: 1961, Nov. 26

Family: son of John Z. and Elizabeth Wilhelm

Address: 109 Young Street, born on the
 family homestead on Highways 7 & 8, just west
 of Kitchener; GCT35 (1938)

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Mary McGovern

Children: Amelia (Millie); Herbert;
 Sebastian (Harry); Cecelia; Eileen

Religion: RCatholic

Landholdings: GCT35

Acres: 178

Locality: Elmdale

Organizations: St Mary's Roman Catholic
 Church, Kitchener

Waterloo Tp, SS 8, Elmdale

Notes: A Charlie Moser was a school trustee
 for Waterloo Tp, SS 8, Elmdale, in 1906
 (WHS58). By the time his obituary was written
 and he was 92 years old, his stint as
 township councillor was not mentioned.

Sources: obituary KWR; WHS1958 46:48

MOSS, IRVIN,
Township Council: Councillor 1943, 1944;
 Deputy Reeve 1945
Years: 3
Born: c1902 **Died:** 1973, Oct. 23
Family: Father John K. Moss was son-in-law of Samuel Bowman (Minutes of 1911)
Address: GCT54 near Centreville
Occupation: Factory foreman, B.F. Goodrich Co., Kitchener
Spouse: Mabel Schmidt; Alice Kleinknecht
Children: Gerald A.
Religion: Mennonite by family
Landholdings: GCT53
Locality: Centreville
Organizations: BF Goodrich Co., Kitchener Waterloo Tp, SS 5, Centreville
Notes: According to Henry Janzen, in 1945 it was assumed that Moss would be Reeve the following year. However, a reassessment was held in 1945 that took a great deal of time, and took away from hours that Moss would normally have spent working for BF Goodrich where he was in charge of 50 women. Moss's boss at BF Goodrich told Moss that he could either work for the township or for BF Goodrich, and Moss said that the township's wages couldn't compare. According to his obituary, Moss was a former employee of BF Goodrich and Kaufman Rubber. His address when he died was Wasaga Beach.
 * Foreman (ballot paper for councillor in 1943 in union school assessments v.3)
 * Appointed Building Inspector in June 1940 when A.F. Teahault enlisted; was chair of school board in 1952.
Sources: obit KWR 24/10/1973p31; KPL OHT with Henry Janzen

MOUNSTEPHEN, JOHN E.,
Township Council: Councillor 1972
Years: 1
Born: 1919
Address: British Columbia (1995)
Occupation: Manager
Origin: Toronto
Religion: Anglican
Locality: Lexington
Notes: Lived near Kaufman's Flats.
 * Was later on Waterloo LACAC.
Sources: Information from Kathryn Lamb and Mary Johnston

MOYER, HERBERT R.,
Township Council: Councillor 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958; Deputy Reeve 1959, 1960, 1961
Years: 8
Born: 1911, April 11
Family: son of Edwin and Laura (Brubacher), grandson of Noah Moyer? (Eby)
Address: BBF19/BBF20/BBF31: RR#2, Preston
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Myrtle Perschbacher
Children: Rosalia; Donald; Larry
Religion: United
Landholdings: BBF19/20/30
Acres: 129
Locality: Maple Grove
Organizations: Zion United Church, Maple Grove
 Waterloo Township Area 1 School Board
Notes: Attended Maple Grove school in same year as Edna Hunsperger.
 * Served about 4 years on Waterloo Township Area 1 School Board before running for council.
 * Remembers mainly weekly meetings and amount of business caused by growth in 1950s. Recalls especially being on Police Committee.
 * Very closely concerned with Zion United Church, Maple Grove, as chairman of board for many years. Gave words of greeting from Zion United Church to the Wanner Mennonite Church Christian Education Wing which was dedicated in 1969.
 * Lived in retirement in Ayr apartment since 1983.
Sources: WHS vf; Bloomfield conversation

PEDDAR, THOMAS,

Township Council: Councillor 1853 (ward 5), 1854, 1855

Years: 3

Born: 1805 **Died:** c1876

Address: BOS8 W, Tremaine 1861

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: England

Spouse: Jane Bares

Children: Mary; Louise

Religion: Baptist

Landholdings: BOS8-W

Acres: 105

Locality: English Settlement

Notes: BOS8 (W half), Tremaine 1861; he is listed in 1875 AR; widow in 1878 AR, 1881 and 1886 dir; Tremaine map accords him JP status in 1861

Sources: 1871 census; assessment rolls and Tremaine map

PHIN, JAMES P.,

Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve 1884, 1885; First Deputy Reeve 1886; Reeve 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890

Years: 7 **R-years:** 4

Born: 1841 **Died:** 1901, Jan 24

Family: Eldest son of James Phin, a native of Roxburghshire, Scotland, who spent most of his youth in Ireland in County Monaghan in charge of a large estate. James Phin Sr came to Canada in 1833.

Address: Hespeler, BLB2/3-13

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Eliza Jane White; Charlotte Roberts

Children: Eliza Jane (dau of Eliza) d aged 6 months; George (son of Eliza); Madge (dau of Lottie) d aged 11 yrs; Arthur

Religion: Methodist (New Connexion)

Politics: Liberal/Reform

Landholdings: BLB3-13

Acres: 400

Locality: Hespeler

Organizations: Reform Association

North Dumfries and South Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Guelph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society

South Waterloo Farmers' Institutes

South Wellington Agricultural Society

Notes: 400-acre farm on BLB2-13, "The Grange." Both BLB3-13 and BLB2-13 given in HA, pages 32 and 12; WHS74 mentions Phin's purchase of GCT128 in 1872 from Richard Marshall. Phin sold the property to John Shaw in 1882. Panabaker says he owned the farm on which the Spruce Hill nursing home is now located and which included the lands now belonging to John Strycker and George Inglis on the east side of the Guelph highway.

* President of the Reform Association of the township, a Justice of the Peace; New Connexion Methodist. Considered with his father to be "among the thoroughly

representative agriculturists of the townships" (Historical Atlas) and "noted all over Canada as a breeder of Shropshire sheep and Shorthorn cattle." Panabaker says that a man named Kruger stole sheep from Phin, and that once Kruger was out of jail that "Phin's large barn, together with his crops and herd of purebred cattle was mysteriously burned to the ground on two separate occasions. The horse thief was later blamed for both fires in retaliation for Mr Phin's part in his conviction" (Panabaker, p3).

* Warden of Waterloo County 1890; Masons

Sources: Historical atlas; Panabaker; photo Hespeler Old Boys' Reunion 1906 p48; obit in Chronicle-Telegraph 31/1/1901

PRANGE, ROY,
Township Council: Councillor 1970, 1971,
1972

Years: 3

Born: 1933, Feb 20

Address: Breslau

Occupation: Pump business

Religion: Lutheran

Politics: Conservative

Locality: Breslau

Organizations: Breslau Recreation Club

Notes: 1932 - father had to leave small farm in Brookfield/Beaverdale during depression and settled in Riverbank area on

Preston-Breslau road, working as maintenance man at Rubber Machinery works and starting a pump business (incorp. as Prange's Pump Service in 1964). School at Riverbank (recalls Eben Cressman as teacher) until Grade 8; remembers that 4 of 8 in Grade 8 class developed their own businesses.

* 1962 - built house in subdivision on Menno Street (named for Menno Mader) and owns the water supply service there for 90 houses

* Recalls others on council, notably reeve Leonard Burton who was an outstanding water diviner. Among other successes helped to find water on Clayton Rickert's new property on the Breslau hill.

* 1970-2 - council service recalled as frustrating and unproductive. Council was "spinning wheels" and "dictated to [by] developers and bureaucrats. "Mr Isley did a good job" and township could have been run by Gordon Cooper who kept administration running smoothly and very efficiently.

Sources: Newspapers; not in the database

QUICKFALL, RICHARD M.,

Township Council: Councillor in 1864; Third Deputy Reeve in 1895;

Years: 2

Born: 1833, March 16 Died: 1910, Nov 15

Family: son of Thomas and Hannah Martinson

Address: Waterloo, GCT6 E

Occupation: Farmer

Origin: England via Syracuse, NY

Migration date: 1838

Spouse: Leah Groff

Children: Emma May (m. John McNally); Allen Edwin; Charles Allan; George Thomas; Anna Laura; Albert Clarke

Religion: Methodist

Politics: Reformer

Landholdings: GCT6E

Acres: 224

Locality: Bridgeport

Notes: First lived on family farm (Moxley or Evergreen), a little NE of Waterloo. In 1889 he moved to a farm about a mile N of Bridgeport (Eby).

* Assessor and trustee. He improved the family farm and planted many ornamental and fruit trees. He owned a mill on Beaver Creek one mile west of Bridgeport Brickyard in 1875 (WHS18) and attended the reunion of the first Waterloo schoolhouse in 1895, having been a pupil in the log building (WHS28). There is a photograph of this 1895 reunion with Richard in it at the Waterloo Public Library, call number J-12-19. M. & J. Snyder record the death of 26-year-old Richard Quickfall who was born in 1916.

* "Progressive in his ideas he prospered financially, but the spirit of charity was strong within him and many have received from him a helping hand... He could tell of Berlin when it was but a mere village and his intimate friends were frequently entertained by the interesting reminiscences of the early days of life in this county" (obit in Berlin

News Record 15/11/1910)

* 170-acre Quickfall farm on Lincoln Road, Waterloo, acquired by father Quickfall from Moxley in 1846, became a 149-home subdivision in 1960 (WHS60) after six generations of Quickfalls had farmed it.

Sources: View of Evergreen Farm in Historical atlas; Eby #5128; M. & J. Snyder; obit in Berlin News Record 15/11/1910); photograph of 1895 reunion of Waterloo school pupils including Richard is at WPL with call number J-12-19; see also photo in Howse; WHS1960 48:71; WHS1918 6:21; WHS1928 16:33,44; Nora Quickfall Bomberger, Well do I remember...

RANDALL, GEORGE,

Township Council: Councillor 1864, 1865, 1866; Second Deputy Reeve 1867, 1868, 1869.

Years: 6

Born: 1832, April 16 Died: 1908, Dec 23

Address: 1860- Spring Valley Farm, GCT20 west of Berlin; 1873- Waterloo, King Street, previously the home of Isaac Weaver, and later the site of the Mutual Life Insurance Company's main building

Occupation: Contractor; Miller/distiller; Tobacco manufacturer; Woollen manufacturer

Origin: Chesterfield, NH

Migration date: To Waterloo 1857/Canada 1854

Spouse: Caroline Roos

Children: George; Mrs Clara Chalcraft; Emma

Religion: Universalist; Presbyterian

Politics: Conservative

Landholdings: GCT19/GCT20/GCT21

Acres: 263

Locality: Elmdale

Organizations: Berlin Quadrille Society

Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital Board

Grand Trunk Railway

Great Western Railway

Randall and Roos, Berlin

Randall and Co, merchant millers and distillers, Waterloo

Randall, Farr and Co., Hespeler

Preston Railway Station

Waterloo Distillery

Berlin High School Board

Waterloo Horticultural Society

Notes: Randall was born in the United States and came to Canada in 1854 with his uncle, Marshall H. Farr, who had contracts for station buildings from Guelph westward on the Grand Trunk Railway and also some on the Great Western Railway, including the Preston station buildings. George and his brother Shubel took over the contracts following their uncle's death near Hamilton on the

Desjardins canal project. On completion of the contracts, George engaged in various kinds of manufacturing including a Waterloo distillery that was later owned by the Seagram family. Randall, Farr & Co. bought a sawmill from Jacob Hespeler in 1863 where they erected a large woollen mill which they sold in 1874 to Schofield and Forbes. Randall established the wholesale grocery and liquor warehouse of Randall and Roos in 1884 in Berlin with William Roos, and was a director in the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company for 33 years (1875-1908) and president from 1890-1908. An 1860s directory notes his occupation as tobacco manufacturer (Uttley). * He was also Reeve of the Town of Waterloo, Mayor, and Warden of Waterloo County; Magistrate of Waterloo from 1870-1873; Mayor of Waterloo 1878.

* One of 15 managers of the Berlin Quadrille Society in 1861; president of the first Board of Trustees for the Kitchener-Waterloo Hospital c1893, and a member of the Berlin High School Board of Trustees.

Sources: WHS vf; WHS1918 6:23; WHS1930 18:184; WHS1933 21:52; WHS1959 47:47; Uttley; 100 years of progress-photo of house on King Street p37 and of him p47

RANDALL, JOHN A.,

Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1964, 1965

Years: 2

Born: 1916 Died: 1970, June 26

Family: son of Jacob C. Randall of Preston

Address: GCT106; RR#2, Breslau/106 Viewmont Close

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Bernice Lichtry

Children: Ronald J.; Keith E.; Connie (m. Donald Krupp)

Religion: United

Landholdings: GCT106

Acres: 116

Locality: Shantz Station

Organizations: Zion United Church, Kitchener Kitchener Rotary Club

R. and S. Transport Co. Ltd

Waterloo Township Planning Board

Waterloo Township Area 1 School Board

Waterloo Township Plowmen's Association

Notes: Randall served several terms on the township area public school board in the 1950s. He was appointed to the township planning board around 1960 and named its chairman in 1961. He left this position when he ran for council in 1963. He ended his political career after running unsuccessfully for township reeve in 1965. Randall founded and operated the R. and S. Transport Co. Ltd. He was a member of Zion United Church and the Kitchener Rotary Club. His farm was headquarters for the International Plowing Match of 1954, the match that was interrupted by Hurricane Hazel. He died from injuries suffered in a tractor accident.

Sources: photo in obit in KPL vf kwcb; KWR 14/11/1963

REIST, OWEN,
Township Council: Councillor 1900, 1901,
 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905; Reeve 1906, 1907
Years: 8 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1866, Feb 4 **Died:** 1931, Sept 21
Family: son of Peter and Mary Shantz
Address: Kossuth
Occupation: Veterinary Surgeon
Spouse: Ellen Bear
Children: Levi Stanley
Religion: Methodist
Landholdings: GCT89
Acres: 280
Locality: Kossuth

Notes: Born in Woolwich. Lived on father's farm at GCT89 in 1895, located on Fisher's Creek near the Speed River, north of Fisher's Mills where Joshua Shoemaker had built a sawmill that was later abandoned. Received his degree from the Ontario Veterinary College in 1888. In 1892 he acquired his father's farm, and added more land to it, making it nearly 300 acres. He was Sanitary Inspector for Waterloo Township 1891-1900, when he resigned to "accept a seat in the Township council." He was appointed JP in 1902 and re-appointed in 1905. He was also a school trustee and recording steward for the Zion circuit of the Methodist Church.

Sources: Eby #5215; photo in 100 years p27;
 obit KWR 21/9/1931

RICKERT, CLAYTON,
Township Council: Councillor 1950, 1951,
 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961; Deputy Reeve 1953,
 1962, 1963; Reeve 1954, 1955.
Years: 11 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1902 **Died:** 1991, Sept 7
Family: raised in Mannheim area
Address: RR#1, Breslau
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Clara Kurt
Children: Carl; John; Ken; Willis; Mrs Dorothy Soligo
Religion: Lutheran
Landholdings: GCT72/73
Acres: 97
Locality: Breslau
Organizations: Ontario Pioneer Community Foundation
 St Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport Children's Aid Society
Notes: Raised in Mannheim, married in 1924 and moved into Waterloo for two years, where worked for Reitzel Bros.
 * Bought 97-acre farm on GCT72/73 in 1926 from David Thaler; in 1947 moved to adjoining farm for 3 years while sons worked the first FArm.
 * In 1950, sold second farm and moved to house on Regional Road 17.
 * Got into township politics because concerned about rising taxes. Served on most committees, including police, road and bridge, planning. On County Roads committee too. Son Carl recalls that he enjoyed his time in politics.
 * A founding member of the Ontario Pioneer Community Foundation in 1954. Recreations were cards and horseshoe pitching (the latter played at County picnics).
 * Last 28 years in Florida; died at Bradenton FL, where two sons lived.
Sources: Newspapers; WHS; obit KWR 9/9/1991 pA11; son Carl March 1995.

SCHAEFER, FREDERIC,
Township Council: Councillor 1896, 1899;
 Third Deputy Reeve 1897, 1898; Reeve 1900,
 1901
Years: 6 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1849, July 12 **Died:** 1944, Jan 18
Address: Breslau, owned village lot, house and shop valued at \$1,600/ HA; New Hamburg
Occupation: Blacksmith; Brick manufacturer
Spouse: Catherine Serth
Children: Mrs Loretta Daniells; William; ?Chesley; Morris; Mrs Otto Luening; Mrs William Walther
Religion: Lutheran
Landholdings: GCT114, Breslau PO (1886 voters' list)
Locality: Breslau
Organizations: Breslau Brick and Tile Yard
 Breslau Post Office
Notes: Born in Wellesley Township
 * 1867 - learned blacksmithing trade with Valentine Gildner of Wellesley village for three years. He worked 2 years as journeyman blacksmith with William Doersam, also of Wellesley.
 * 1872 - came to Breslau, leasing Henry Koch's blacksmith shop.
 * 1875 - built blacksmith and wagon shop later operated by Mr Geiger.
 * 1906 - owner of Breslau's largest industry, the Breslau Brick and Tile Yard. It was established in 1886 and employed about 20 men and had 4 kilns. In 1900 the company produced about a million white bricks a year and thousands of tiles, requiring a 34 horse power engine instead of the two horses originally used to propel the machinery (Newcombe). In 1912 the brickyard was sold to a Toronto firm and went out of business shortly after. The white bricks were made from clay dug at the Schmalz farm on the hill. He also bought a brick business in New Hamburg about the turn of the 20th century.

* Postmaster of Breslau from January 1889 to about 1900 and a member of Waterloo County Council in 1906: he was a member of the County Council for 6 years. He also acted as a Breslau constable. From a KWR article from 13 July 1940, "Oldest New Hamburg Man" it appears he later bought a farm in New Hamburg which was subsequently reforested.

* Catherine Shafer received a 100 acre farm, part of Horning's Tract, deeded by Elizabeth Hess to her on Aug. 26, 1825. The tract was a narrow strip of land running eastward from the Grand River where Bridgeport now is (WHS1934 22:94) but not sure if this Catherine is related.

Sources: 100 years of progress p64 and photo p12; KPL vf watco cb; Newcombe

SCHEIFELE, ALVIN,
Township Council: Councillor 1939

Years: 1

Born: 1878 Died: 1971, April 13

Family: son of Mr and Mrs Aaron Scheifele

Address: GCT34, RR 3, Waterloo for the 12 years before he died

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Emma Bingeman

Children: Mrs Miriam Trussler; Alice; Clifford D.; Verna; Edythe (m. A.A. Mayor)

Religion: United

Landholdings: GCT34

Acres: 209

Locality: Rummelhardt

Organizations: Zion United Church, Kitchener

Notes: He was born in Woolwich Township and farmed at Kitchener and Breslau (including site of 1950s school). According to Henry Janzen, he farmed near Rummelhardt (Glasgow Street) and retired to Breslau. He died of cancer. According to Jerome Reinhart, entered politics when concerned at what was happening to farmland west of Kitchener. Council Minutes of 13 July 1940 refer to Court action re the Glasgow Road Extension - Scheifele appeared, contending "very unfair treatment" and to "solicit patronage in his behalf."

Sources: WTC minutes 13/7/1940; obit KWR 13/4/1971

SCHLUETER, LORNE,
Township Council: Councillor 1952, 1953, 1954

Years: 3

Born: 1915 Died: 1975, April 15

Family: son of Emmanuel and Ida Shantz

Address: GCT47, Williamsburg

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Gladys Helfers

Children: Carole Ann (m. Paul Sandham ; Sharon (m. Brent Parsons)

Religion: Lutheran

Landholdings: GCT 47

Locality: Williamsburg

Organizations: St James Lutheran Church, Mannheim

Notes: First farmed in Wilmet Township

* Farm at junction of Ottawa and Fischer-Hallman, sold in 1950s.

Sources: obit KWR 16/4/1975; buried at St James Lutheran Church, Mannheim.

SCHNARR, EDWARD,
Township Council: Councillor 1945, 1946, 1947;
 Deputy Reeve 1948; Reeve 1949, 1950, 1951
Years: 7 **R-years:** 3
 Born: 1888, December 28 Died: 1952, June 8
 Family: Eldest of John August and Maria Helm
 Address: GCT45/GCT44; RR #3, Waterloo
 Occupation: Farmer
 Migration date: Charles Demetrius Schnarr
 (grandfather) arrived in 1853.
 Spouse: Alma Hergott, married 18 January
 1917
 Children: Howard A.; Arnold; Ralph; Lorne;
 Albert; Leonard; Morris
 Religion: RCatholic
 Landholdings: GCT45/GCT44
 Acres: 198
 Locality: Erbsville
 Organizations: St Agatha Roman Catholic Church
 Knights of Columbus
 Holy Name Society
 The League of the Sacred Heart
 Notes: Born in Erbsville; he was referred to
 as a "progressive" farmer and had previously
 served as assessor and school trustee before
 becoming a councillor. He retired as a
 result of ill-health.
 * Ancestor Charles Demetrius bought 4 lots of
 Lot 45 on both sides of Water Street (later
 renamed Schnarr Street) off King St (now
 Erbsville Road) and built 5-room log house on
 Lot 2, Erbsville, in 1856; demolished 1897.
 Assembled 5 parcels (91.76 acres) of Lot 45
 between 1873 and 1880; (a yellow-brick house
 was built 1878) sold to son August in 1897.
 Also a second farm of 106.75 acres in 1914 in
 Lot 44 GCT. August sold to son Edward in 1941
 (Hydro was then installed)
 * Edward operated property as purebred
 Holstein farm from 1917 to 1952; land sold to
 developer in 1968.
 Sources: KPL vf Schnarr family; Howard
 Schnarr's The Schnarrs of Erbsville

SCHNEIDER, HERBERT J.,
Township Council: Councillor 1964, 1965,
 1966, 1967
Years: 4
 Born: 1926
 Family: Son of Norman C. and Ethel Lapsley
 Address: Edgehill Drive, RR1, Preston
 Occupation: Executive of meatpacking
 business
 Spouse: Betty Ruppel
 Children: Four children
 Religion: Swedenborgian
 Politics: Liberal
 Locality: Pine Grove
 Organizations: J.M. Schneider Ltd, Kitchener
 Waterloo Township Citizens Committee
 Pine Grove Community Association
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Kitchener
 Notes: Vice President and plant
 superintendent of J.M. Schneider Ltd in 1963
 * President of Pine Grove Community
 Association
 * Member of the Waterloo County Area
 Planning Board in 1967
 * Election platform in later 1963 stressed
 Township's need of "sound business
 procedures, initiative and wise planning in
 ...administration... in immediate years
 ahead... when very important decisions...
 [with] long-term effects"
 Sources: KPL vf watco cb; KWR 13/11/1963;
 Waterloo Township scrapbooks in WHS archives

SCOTT, JOHN,
Township Council: Reeve 1852, 1853
Years: 2 **R-years:** 2
 Born: 1814, Jan 25 Died: 1856, Dec 21
 Family: son of Charles Scott who settled in
 Dumfries Township on Blenheimhill farm
 Address: Berlin/Queen and Weber Streets
 Occupation: Physician
 Origin: Scotland, Roxburghshire,
 Lilliesleaf, Bewlie Mains
 Migration date: 1834
 Spouse: daughter of William Smith, and
 married to M.C. Schofield after Scott's death
 Children: Charles J.
 Religion: Swedenborgian
 Politics: Tory/Conservative
 Landholdings: Berlin
 Locality: Berlin
 Organizations: Berlin Grammar School Board
 of Trustees
 Grand Trunk Railway
 Preston and Berlin Railway
 Church of the Good Shepherd, Kitchener
 Notes: First Warden of Waterloo County 1853
 (elected May 1852), shown as 1852 to 1856 in
 100 years; and first Reeve of Berlin 1854-56.
 A transcript of Scott's speech on being
 elected Warden in 1852 is in WHS1951 39:11.
 He graduated from the University of Edinburgh
 Medical School in 1834, the same year he
 arrived in Waterloo County. His arrival
 coincided with an outbreak of cholera in Galt
 that he helped to combat. He began his
 practice in Berlin that same year as the
 first licensed physician, and upheld his
 professionalism before quacks and charlatans.
 In 1849 Scott and Dr James Whiting were
 appointed to report to the Health Board on
 the state of health in Berlin. A.B. Sherk
 recollects that the "doctors did most of
 their outside professional work on horseback,
 and everybody knew them" (WHS1915 3:18).
 Scott had three horses. He was also coroner

for the county for many years and was appointed Revenue Inspector in 1852. He was also a member of the first Berlin Grammar School Board of School Trustees and the first Local Superintendent. As Warden he loaded the first wheelbarrow at the breaking of ground for the railway line at Berlin in 1853. Dr Scott was converted to the Swedenborgian Church by Rev. John Harbin, formerly a surgeon in the British army, who assisted the doctor with his surgical operations. He died of a "malignant liver complaint." W.H. Breithaupt sums up his life as "short, and to a high degree, useful" (WHS1941 29:198)

* Before he moved to Weber Street, Scott had a two storey frame building with a drug store on King and Frederick (WHS1930 18:196)

Sources: WHS1915 3:18; WHS1951 39:11; WHS1941 29:198; WHS1989 77; 1851 census

SHAFER, WILLIAM,
Township Council: Councillor 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886; Third Deputy Reeve 1887
Years: 8
Born: 1839 (1861 census)
Address: GCT20 SW (1886 voters' list and 1881 map - 200 acres on south side of Petersburg Road)
Occupation: Farmer
Religion: Evangelical
Landholdings: GCT20 SW
Acres: 200
Locality: Elmdale
Notes: A W. Schaefer was a councillor in Berlin's west ward in 1895 (M. & J. Snyder p268)
Sources: M. & J. Snyder p268; 1886 voters' list and 1881 map

SHANTZ, ISAAC E.,
Township Council: 1872 (for 3 months after sudden death of Isaac E. Burkholder 23 Sept 1872)
Years: 1
Born: 1839, May 23 **Died:** 1908, Jan 11
Family: son of Samuel and Susannah (Erb)
Address: Bridgeport; Berlin (College St)
Occupation: Merchant; Planing mill; Foundry (later in Berlin)
Spouse: Magdalena Eby, dau of Elias
Children: Josiah; Dilman; Edmund; Elmina; Mary Ann; Milton E.
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: Bridgeport
Locality: Bridgeport
Organizations: I.E. Shantz and Co., Berlin
Notes: In business as merchant and planing mill operator in 1871, becoming postmaster in 1878 when also advertised in Armstrong directory (see Panabaker, WHS33:35).
Bridgeport postmaster from 1 July 1878 to 1883
* c1883 - moved to Berlin, first "conducting the store now occupied by Beck & Schell"
* In Berlin with foundry making furnaces etc by 1890s, with assistance of J.Y. Shantz (and succeeding the Maude Foundry). In 1893, tendered to put steam heating into the county jail
* "was of a quiet and unassuming disposition and while he took a keen interest in municipal affairs of Berlin he did not take an active part in its government" (obit from Berlin paper)
Sources: Eby #6799, CANIND71; WHS24, WS79:57, WHS79, WHS77, WHS68, obit Berlin Daily Telegraph 13/1/1908p1

SHANTZ, SAMUEL,
Township Council: Councillor 1851, 1854,
 1855, 1857, 1858, 1859, 1860; Deputy Reeve
 1856
Years: 8
Born: 1811, Jan 16 **Died:** 1892, Jan 18
Family: Son of Isaac Shantz and Esther
 Bechtel
Address: GCT38/GCT39, 3 miles west of Berlin
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Susannah Erb, 1810-1844 (m.1830) -
 10 children; Rebecca Rudy, 1825 (m.1845) - 12
 children
Children: Levi; Ira; Mary Ann (m. David
 Bean); Nancy (m. Abraham Rudy); Samuel E.;
 Odo; Isaac E.; Menno E.; Barbara E.; Aaron
 E.; Daniel; Esther (m. Menno Shoemaker);
 Abraham ; Moses R.; Emily (m. Samuel C.
 Bowman); Josiah; Nelson; Matilda (m. Noah E.
 Eby); Israel R.; Allen R.; Louisa Rebecca (m.
 Benjamin E. Eby); Simon R.
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: GCT39
Acres: 241
Locality: Elmdale
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 8, Elmdale
 Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
Notes: Farmed GCT38/GCT39, 3 miles west of
 Berlin (241 in 1861 and 1881, but 350 acres
 sometimes quoted) "one of the finest farms on
 the Petersburg Road" (Eby)
 * Shantz was a director of the Waterloo
 Mutual Fire Insurance Company, and trustee of
 Elmdale School in 1847.
 * Eby (#6792): "Although deprived of first
 class school privileges and his time devoted
 to constant labour on his father's farm, his
 desire for information made him seek
 opportunities for acquiring knowledge... His
 stock of knowledge and experience made him a
 wise counsellor and judicious adviser...on
 public and private interests."
Sources: Eby #6792

SHANTZ, SAMUEL E.,
Township Council: Councillor 1902, 1903,
 1904, 1905, 1906; Deputy Reeve 1907; Reeve
 1908, 1909
Years: 8 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1859, Feb 16 **Died:** 1938, Feb 19
Family: son of Samuel Y. and Esther Erb
Address: Part of father's homestead 2.5
 miles SW of Berlin (Eby); Roseville Highway
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Lucinda Shoemaker
Children: Silva; Bella May; Percy
Religion: Methodist
Landholdings: GCT50/GCT47
Acres: 227
Locality: German Mills
Organizations: Trinity Methodist Church,
 Berlin
 Trinity United Church, Kitchener
 Kitchener Suburban Good Roads Commission
 North Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance
 Co.
Notes: He was a director of the North
 Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.,
 a member of the Waterloo Township Board of
 Health for 5 years. A trustee of Trinity
 Methodist Church, Berlin/Trinity United
 Church, Kitchener.
Sources: Eby #6775; photo in 100 years of
 progress p27.

SHANTZ, TILMAN S.,
Township Council: Councillor 1884, 1885;
 Second Deputy Reeve 1886, 1887; First Deputy
 Reeve 1888, 1889, 1890; Reeve 1892, 1896
Years: 8 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1850, Jan 8 **Died:** 1913, Sept 10
Family: son of Moses and Catharine Shantz
Address: GCT9 NE, about 3 miles north of
 Waterloo
Occupation: Farmer/breeder
Spouse: Esther Snyder
Children: Harvey; Alvin H.; Alfred E.; Urias
 A.; Angus M.; Walter W.; Elsie L.;
 Clementina; Ezra Ervine
Religion: Evangelical
Politics: Liberal: "he always takes an
 active part in political matters and strongly
 advocates the platform taken by the Liberals
 of this province" (Eby)
Landholdings: GCT9 NE
Acres: 128
Locality: Martin's
Notes: Prize-winning farmer in 1880-1; "one
 of the best known and most prosperous farmers
 of Waterloo County" (obit)
 * Warden of Waterloo County 1902
 * School trustee (Martin's?); assessor to 1913.
 * Died after being thrown beneath a team of
 horses: "Mr Shantz was driving a team of
 horses, hitched to a threshing machine, when
 they became unmanageable and bolted, throwing
 their driver beneath them" (obit)
Sources: Eby #6861; obit Galt Weekly
 Reporter 18/9/1913p4; photo of 1901 Waterloo
 County Councillors at Doon Heritage
 Crossroads

SHAW, WILLIAM COWAN,
 Township Council: Councillor 1908, 1909,
 1910, 1911; Deputy Reeve 1912, 1913; Reeve
 1914, 1915
 Years: 8 R-years: 2
 Born: 1855, March 19 Died: 1942, Oct 21
 Family: son of James Shaw (1809-1881) and
 Margaret Cowan
 Address: Lake Road, just outside Hespeler;
 BLB3-7/8; Moved into Hespeler on Lewis St. on
 his retirement in 1939
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Mary Ann Cober
 Children: J. Horace; Elizabeth
 Religion: Presbyterian
 Politics: Conservative
 Landholdings: BLB3-7/8
 Acres: 170
 Locality: Hespeler
 Organizations: St Andrew's Presbyterian
 Church, Hespeler
 South Waterloo Agricultural Society
 South Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 New Hope Masonic Lodge, Hespeler
 Hespeler Public School Board
 Notes: The east part of lot 8, concession 4
 of Waterloo Township was sold to William Shaw
 in 1890 by Lewis Kribs. He lived in Doon for
 three years. In 1924 he unsuccessfully
 contested the seat for S. Waterloo in the
 provincial by-election. His farm "has been
 for years one of the model farms in this
 district." "As the representative of SS 26 of
 Waterloo Township in union with Hespeler, he
 served for over 25 years on the Hespeler
 Public School Board." He was Warden of
 Waterloo County in 1915. His obituary noted
 that he was "possessed of a kindly nature and
 a genial good humor which had won him a host
 of friends throughout this district."
 Sources: obit in Hespeler Herald, 22/10/42
 is the source of most information

SHOEMAKER, ALEXANDER,
 Township Council: Third Deputy Reeve 1888,
 1889, 1890; Second Deputy Reeve 1891
 Years: 4
 Born: 1836, Feb 21 Died: 1908, Aug 29
 Family: son of Jacob D. and Jane Dunbar
 Address: GCT19 SW
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Susannah Weber
 Children: Ellen; Josiah; Matilda; Susannah;
 Louise; Malinda (m. Charles E. Lips); David;
 Angeline; Edwin; Lydia Ann; Lovina; Irwin;
 Edith
 Religion: Mennonite; Evangelical
 Politics: Liberal
 Landholdings: GCT19/36 (1886 voters'list)
 Acres: 224
 Locality: Nine Pines
 Organizations: Zion Evangelical Church,
 Berlin
 Notes: Farmed land developed by father:
 cleared 1830, stone dwelling 1851, frame barn
 1842. 224 acres (Eby); photograph shows where
 his farm is (M. & J. Snyder p122); retired
 from farming to Berlin in 1906
 Sources: Eby #7056; obit Berlin News Record
 31/8/1908; M. & J. Snyder p122

SHOEMAKER, ALLEN,
 Township Council: Councillor 1920, 1921,
 1922, 1923; Second Deputy Reeve 1924; First
 Deputy Reeve 1925, 1926; Reeve 1927, 1928,
 1929
 Years: 10 R-years: 3
 Born: 1866, Sept 25 Died: 1945, May 27
 Family: son of David M. Shoemaker and Jane
 Ann Hamacher
 Address: GCT19/GCT48
 Occupation: Farmer/tile manufacturer
 Spouse: Catharine Oberholtzer; Mary Simpson
 Children: Had 2 children with Catharine;
 Cecil; Euphemia (m. Lorne Neilly); Irene;
 Mary Belle
 Religion: Presbyterian
 Landholdings: GCT19/GCT48
 Acres: 215
 Locality: Nine Pines
 Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 23, Nine Pines
 St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Kitchener
 Grand River Masonic Lodge, Number 151, A.F.
 and A.M., Kitchener
 Notes: Was educated at Waterloo Township SS
 23, Nine Pines, and later served as a school
 trustee there for 18 years and as
 secretary-treasurer for 12 years. Report of a
 lawsuit concerning a dispute between Allan
 and Simpson Shoemaker over a piece of
 property on Shoemaker Avenue in 1942 (M & J
 Snyder, p338)
 * Farmer/tile manufacturer (60 years);
 managed his father's farm, the old Abraham D.
 homestead (Eby) where his grandfather had
 sawmills
 * 1942 - retired from farm to Kitchener.
 Sources: photo in Confederation number p29;
 Eby #7150; M & J Snyder, p338; obit KWR
 28/5/1945

SHOEMAKER, DAVID M.,
 Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve in 1892; First Deputy Reeve 1893, 1894
 Years: 3
 Born: 1839, Sept 28 Died: 1920, Sept 30
 Family: son of Abraham D. and Mary Miller
 Address: GCT48, Berlin
 Occupation: Miller (saw and grist)
 Spouse: Jane Ann Hamacher
 Children: Lucinda (m. Samuel E. Shantz); Ida Minerva (m. Jacob B. Oberholtzer); Allan; Simson; Mary Jane; Wesley
 Religion: Swedenborgian
 Landholdings: GCT48
 Acres: 146
 Locality: Nine Pines
 Organizations: Grand River Masonic Lodge, Number 151, A.F. and A.M., Berlin
 Notes: He lived on his father's old homestead where Abraham D. had contracted a dam and erected sawmills. A large lumber business was carried on there until the end of the 19th century when the Berlin Water Works Company bought the water privilege and several acres of land, causing the removal of the sawmills. He was reeve of Berlin from January 1877.
 * According to Uttley, D.S. Shoemaker and James Potter were partners with William Simpson in a furniture factory. Uttley recounts that when Shoemaker was a Berlin Councillor in 1877, his plans to improve King Street from Mennonite church to Waterloo were halted by store owners who feared for their livelihoods and one merchant personally threatened D.S., who was not re-elected the next term (Hannes S p290).
 * Retired to farm by c1890.
 * "one of the prime movers of fall fairs held in this vicinity" (obit)
 Sources: Eby #7147; obit WC 30/9/1920

SIPES, JOHN NELSON,
 Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve 1888, 1889, 1890; First Deputy Reeve 1892; Reeve 1893, 1894, 1895
 Years: 7 R-years: 3
 Born: 1842 Died: 1928, Nov 13
 Address: Blair PO (1886 voters' list)
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Lydia Kiehaber
 Children: Norman; Allan; daughter, Mrs Kroh
 Religion: Mennonite (AR 1901)
 Politics: "Farmers' Ticket"
 Landholdings: BOS4
 Acres: 291
 Locality: Blair
 Organizations: Galt Masonic Lodge
 Notes: John Sipes was a partner with Joseph Stauffer in a livery business on Main St, Galt (before 1891); then he moved to a farm in Blair area
 * 1894- candidate for the provincial legislature on the "farmers' ticket" opposed by the Prohibitionists as was J.D. Moore (Galt Reporter 9/2/1894). "A very active politician, taking a keen interest in the affairs of his township, the province and the dominion at large and was well posted on all the big issues of the day" (obit Galt Reporter 13/11/1928, p1)
 * For 25 years was the township assessor for Ward 5; Blair school trustee. Bridge inspector for county following work as county councillor.
 Sources: 1871 census; Doon/Blair Tweedsmuir (no "N." in the 1871 census or Tweedsmuir history); Galt Reporter 9/2/1894; obit in Hespeler Herald 13/11/1928 and Galt Reporter 13/11/1928 p1; photo in Hespeler Old Boys' Reunion Committee of 1906 p42

SNIDER, ELIAS,
 Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1850; Reeve 1851; Councillor 1852
 Years: 3 R-years: 1
 Born: 1815, Sept 3 Died: 1890, April 24
 Family: son of Jacob C. Snider, who came from Pennsylvania (Franklin Co) in 1806 to Waterloo, and Elizabeth Cressman (and grandson of Christian and Elizabeth Erb Schneider)
 Address: Berlin/172 King St S, Waterloo (Abraham Erb's), from 1851-1869
 Occupation: Grist mill owner
 Spouse: Hannah Bingeman
 Children: Elizabeth; Mary; Israel; Isaac B.; Elias W.B.; William; John; Tilman B.; Jacob B.; Amos B.; Hannah; Jonas
 Religion: Mennonite
 Landholdings: BET/GCT7/GCT12/GCT51 (1861)
 Acres: 688
 Locality: German Mills
 Organizations: Snider's Mill, Waterloo German Mills Steam Flour Mills
 Notes: A practical miller and businessman from a young age, he purchased 310 acres from Barnabas Devitt for 1500 pounds in 1851. In 1853 Jacob Snider gave his land and Waterloo Mill to Elias, who sold most of the land a year later to John Hoffman and Isaac Weaver, keeping the grist mill property and dam (WHS1974 62:74). While Jacob had operated a distillery, Elias didn't. In 1879 the mill was sold to Elias's son William and Aaron Kraft, becoming known as Union Mills (see WHS1979 67:69 for detailed history of mill ownership). In 1854 Elias purchased the Musselman Farm about a mile north of Waterloo, and in 1860 the German Mills with 669 acres of land. Elias was ordained to the ministry of the Mennonite body in 1874; and was preacher at David Eby's thereafter. Assessed with 228 acres in 1881.
 * Mention of a fire breaking out in June 26,

1876 at the Elias Snider swamp, which the Waterloo Fire Department attended to.

Sources: WHS1974 62:74; WHS1979 67:69; Eby #5819

SNIDER, HAROLD JACOB,
Township Council: Councillor 1946, 1947;
 Clerk/Treasurer for 1952, 1953, 1954 and
 1955.
Years: 2
Born: 1911, Oct 25 **Died:** 1981, Jul 11
Family: son of Peter A. Snider and Eliza Jane Strong
Address: GCT67S; Bloomingdale
Occupation: Farmer/storekpr
Spouse: Margaret Bechtel
Children: Kenneth; Frances (m. Wayne Starr); Neil
Religion: UBrethren
Landholdings: GCT67
Acres: 108
Locality: Bloomingdale
Organizations: Waterloo Township District High School Board
 United Brethren Church, Bloomingdale
Notes: Farmer until end of 1946 when sold farm to Arthur Hachborn and moved with his family into Bloomingdale where operated Snider's Market
 * Waterloo Township assessor, tax collector and assessment commissioner;
 secretary-treasurer for Waterloo Township District High School Board in 1961.
Sources: obit KWR 11/7/1981p27; photo Elmira Independent 15/7/1981 p1; KPL vf kwcb

SNIDER, HENRY,
Township Council: Councillor 1850, 1853;
 Deputy Reeve 1851, 1852, 1854, 1855, 1857,
 1858
Years: 8
Born: 1811, Feb 2 **Died:** 1877, Jan 22
Family: youngest child of the ten children of Jacob (Yoch) and Mary Erb
Address: Bloomingdale/Woolwich Township; part WT6/WT7 and Oxbow: south side of Snyder's Flats road, west of Bloomingdale
Occupation: Farmer/miller
Spouse: Elizabeth Snider; Margaret Brehm
Children: Noah; Menno S.; Sarah (m. John B.Snyder); Aaron; Simon S.; Rachel; Susannah (m. Isaac B. Wismer); Josiah; Elizabeth (m. Henry W. Wnyder); Reuben B.; Mary Ann B. (m. Jacob W. Snyder); Leah B. (m. Nelson Snyder); Gideon B.; Lydian B. (m. Simon Moyer); Clara B. (m. Allan Eby); Allan B.
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: WTOxbow
Acres: 275
Locality: Bloomingdale
Organizations: Waterloo County Agricultural Society
 Conestogo Flour Mill
 Waterloo Tp, SS 11, Bridgeport
 Doon Flax Mill
 Conestogo Flax Mill
 Woolwich Tp, SS 1, Conestogo
 Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
Notes: Following his first marriage in 1836, he moved to his father's old homestead (250 acres) on the east bank of the Grand River near Bloomingdale. In 1848 Snider and Charles Hendry opened a store in Conestogo and later operated a flax mill there. Snider also invested in the linen mill at Doon. He bought the Conestogo Mills in 1864, invested in lumber rights along the Canagagigue Creek in 1854, and bought a saw mill and a flour mill on the Conestogo River from David Musselman

on 1 December 1856 (WHS1918 6:31).

* He took an active part in municipal government and was instrumental in the formation of the Waterloo County Agricultural Society, and was chosen as one of its first directors. He was among the founders of the Waterloo Mutual Fire Insurance Company. Snider was a school commissioner in 1843, signing the deed for the land for Bridgeport School, SS 11, of that year. In 1850 he presented a petition to Waterloo Township council "from the school trustees and others praying to be taxed at a sum not exceeding 50 pounds for the support of the school." It is noted in the Bloomingdale Tweedsmuir (Schweitzers p112) that "he was one of the Commissioners that purchased the lot on which the school was built in 1842" and it seems as though this refers to Conestogo School. In 1848 he signed a petition for the establishment of a township hall at Berlin. In 1868 he petitioned to have the Township Hall erected in Bridgeport.

* He bought land in Crooks' Tract (Woolwich Township) sometime after 1821 (WHS1933 21:13 p13). He bought land in the Floradale district in 1852 from Samuel Eby, and when he signed a petition for the Waterloo Saugeen Railway in 1856, he was noted as being from Woolwich Township. He served on Woolwich Township Council "for some years". He had nine children by his first wife, and seven by his second. 37 acres of land in Pilkington Township where he operated a saw mill.

Sources: Eby #6302; WHS1918 6:31; WHS1933 21:13; KPL vf kwcb; Schweitzers pp111-118; Hall of Fame photo

BOWMAN, WENDELL,

Township Council: Deputy Reeve 1859, 1860; Reeve 1861

Years: 3 **R-years:** 1

Born: 1806, Jan 24 **Died:** 1876, July 7

Family: 6th son of Rev. Joseph and Mary Baer; brother of Samuel B. qv

Address: Blair-farm where Norman Sipes later owned one of the oldest houses in 1954 (WHS); North Dumfries

Occupation: Farmer; Postmaster; Gentleman

Origin: Berks Co, PA

Spouse: Susanna

Children: Judith (m. Jacob Erb); Lena (m. Edward Marks); Polly (m. John Unger); Lydia (m. Christian Clemens); Susannah (m. Finlayson Cornell); Ephraim ; Sally (m. Wm Motherall); Elijah; Elizabeth (m. John Seips); Nancy (m. Joseph Stauffer, m. Nelson Seips)

Religion: UBrethren

Landholdings: BOS3/4

Acres: 42

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Waterloo County Agricultural Society

Notes: Pathmaster for Dumfries Township 1829; 1 of 3 Commissioners for Dumfries Township in 1836; Deputy Reeve for Dumfries in 1850; Warden of Waterloo County 1861; a director of the first Waterloo County Agricultural Society. He was postmaster for the Blair, Durhamville, New Carlisle and Covered Bridge area between 1858 and 1863; and he was part of the Waterloo Township Road and Bridge Committee in 1861 with Samuel D. Martin.

* Died of sunstroke (obit Dumfries Reformer 12/7/76)

Sources: 1871 census; Eby #257; obit Dumfries Reformer 12/7/76

SNIDER, JACOB S.,

Township Council: Councillor 1870

Years: 1

Born: 1819, Jan. 25 **Died:** 1907, April 6

Family: son of Christian J. Schneider, eldest son of Yoch, and Magdalena Shantz

Address: NE of Bloomingdale, south part of GCT67, 219 acres, on the north side of Township Rd 40 and the west side of Township Rd 11

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Magdalena Schneider (Jacob's first cousin)

Children: Wendel; Mary; Magdalena; William; Franklin; Lucinda; Rebecca; Abraham; Isabella; Titus; Hannah; Peter Alba

Religion: Mennonite

Politics: Liberal

Landholdings: GCT67S

Acres: 218

Locality: Bloomingdale

Organizations: Bloomingdale Mennonite Church

Notes: "Mr Snider has always taken an active part in all municipal matters pertaining to the township...he was a good farmer but now lives retired" (Eby). He had a fine herd of Shorthorn cattle and cleared the land where he lived all his married life. "He was an honest and obliging neighbor always willing to help the needy and give of his substance to those who were poor and destitute" (Schweitzers)

Sources: 1851 census; Eby #6117; Schweitzers p171

SNIDER, JOSIAH,

Township Council: Councillor 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883; First Deputy Reeve 1884, 1885; Reeve 1886

Years: 7 R-years: 1

Born: 1851, Dec 3 Died: 1922, Nov 9

Family: Son of Henry and Elizabeth Snider and grandson of "Yoch"

Address: WT6/7, Bloomingdale, 270 acres (old Jacob Schneider homestead); Conestogo

Occupation: Farmer/drover

Spouse: Angeline Martin; she died four months after they were married; she was 18; Jemima J.T. Wright

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: WT6/7

Acres: 267

Locality: Bloomingdale

Notes: Besides farming, he also bought and sold fat cattle which he generally shipped to the English market. He fell victim to the agricultural recession from 1870-1895, and his farm was auctioned off in 1895. "Mr Josiah Snider was a victim of circumstances and was not given the opportunity of buying back this farm at the low figure at which it was sold to an absolute stranger"

(Schweitzers). The Sniders then moved to Conestogo where Josiah was a drover until bad health forced him to retire. The couple had no children. The obituary in the Berlin Daily Telegraph called him the "highly respected resident of the village of Conestoga, and one of the County's most widely known drovers."

Sources: Eby #6334; Schweitzers p117 with photo; obit Berlin Daily Telegraph 10/11/1922 p2

SNIDER, KENARD,

Township Council: Councillor 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963

Years: 9

Born: 1894, Sept 26 Died: 1977, Oct 26

Family: son of Nathaniel (son of Isaac B. Snider) and Malinda Wismer (dau of Moses), 2nd in family of 8 children

Address: Hidden Valley Road

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Hilda May Moyer (d.29.2.1963)

Children: Harold Sherwood; Norman Ronald

Religion: Mennonite

Politics: Conservative

Landholdings: BOS12/BET; 200

Acres: 119

Locality: German Mills/Parkway

Organizations: Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener

Waterloo Tp, SS 5B, Parkway

Notes: Buried in Hagey Mennonite Cemetery.

He had wanted to be buried in open countryside, at Kinzie-Bean but area got too developed, according to recollections of Orme Gimbel.

* Sister Arabelle Wideman (youngest in family) liked Kenard because he took care of her. She describes her brother as "outspoken" and says his interest in politics may have derived from his maternal grandfather, Moses Wismer. Arabelle describes her family as "the poor Sniders" (though they had 200 acres)

* Son Norman Snider was Works Supt for

Kitchener (but he died 1993)

Sources: Joe Zinger refs in KPL OHT; recollections of Orme Gimbel and Kenard's youngest sister Arabelle Wideman

SNIDER, TILMAN B.,

Township Council: Councillor 1879; Second Deputy Reeve 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883; Reeve 1884, 1885

Years: 7 R-years: 2

Born: 1850, Dec 9

Family: son of Elias and Hannah Bingeman

Address: German Mills, Bechtel Tract (owned 160 acres with brother A.B.)

Occupation: Farmer/miller/breeder

Spouse: Magdalena Groff

Children: Artista; Minerva; Ella Edna; Alta Burten; Mabel Stella; Elmer Nile

Religion: None

Landholdings: BET

Acres: 230

Locality: German Mills

Organizations: T. and A.B. Snider

German Mills Steam Flour Mills

German Mills Post Office

Doon Flour Mills

Notes: He entered the milling business when in his teens, and he and his brother Amos were joint owners of the German Mills for many years. The two brothers also bought the Doon flour mills in 1884 and operated it for several years. Manager (1871 census). T.B. was the postmaster for German Mills from 1878-1890. In 1890 he moved to Sanborn, Iowa to become a farmer and stock raiser.

Sources: 1871 census; Eby #5876; perhaps something in History of Isaac B. Snider family?

SNIDER, WILLIAM,
 Township Council: Councillor 1887
 Years: 1
 Born: 1849, August 22 Died: 1937, Nov 21
 Family: second son of Jacob S. Snider,
 brother of Peter A. and Titus
 Address: GCT67, Bloomingdale
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Susannah Snyder
 Children: Ira; Alton; Alva; Ivan; Ina (m.
 Arthur Hachborn); Ferman; Alda Leona (m.
 Ivan
 Cressman)
 Religion: UBrethren
 Landholdings: GCT67; GCT71
 Acres: 110
 Locality: Bloomingdale
 Organizations: Snyder Mennonite Church,
 Bloomingdale
 Notes: In the Bloomingdale Tweedsmuir the
 name is spelled Snider, (Schweitzers p180)
 and definitely associated with GCT67. No
 mention is made of his brief township
 service. Directories and Voters' list of 1888
 spell Snyder for Lot 67.
 * 1884 - married
 * 1887 - became legal owner of part GCT67
 * retired from active farm work but continued
 to live on the farm with son-in-law, Arthur
 Hachborn
 Sources: Eby #6121; Schweitzers p180-181
 with photo; obit KWR 22/11/1937p13

SNYDER, BENJAMIN S.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1879
 Years: 1
 Born: 1840, Nov 13 Died: 1908, Dec 29
 Family: Son of Benjamin and Catharine
 Saltzberger, brother of Daniel S.
 Address: Bloomingdale, GCT68
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Sarah Shoemaker
 Children: Joanna; Wellington; Eliza Jane;
 Mary Ann; Sarah; Elmina; George Walter;
 Leander; Abraham Urban; Benjamin Alexander;
 Samuel Addison
 Religion: Mennonite
 Landholdings: GCT68, west half of his
 father's farm which was north of
 Bloomingdale; his father (or grandfather?)
 said to have acquired almost 2,000 acres of
 land by the time he died - 510 in 1861 in
 Waterloo Tp, perhaps some also in Woolwich
 Tp?
 Acres: 165
 Locality: Bloomingdale
 Notes: Known as "Hivel Ben" because in 1872
 his 2-storey, 10-room brick house was built
 on a hill. His granddaughter, Mrs Horace
 Mann, remembers him of being of medium
 height, sandy complexion and wearing a beard
 (Schweitzers p190). His brother Peter, who
 suffered from epileptic fits from the age of
 12, lived with Benjamin's family. The fits
 were described as impairing "his mental
 faculties to such an extent that he needed
 constant supervision, as he often became very
 violent" (Schweitzers p186)
 * According to Bloomingdale old-timers, one
 dark winter a team of horses was stolen from
 Benjamin's barn and used in a heist at the
 Bloomingdale General Store. The thieves were
 later captured and Snyder's team was
 recovered (Schweitzers p190)
 * Described as a "prosperous farmer" in the
 short obit of the Waterloo Chronicle.

* There were 4 Benjamin Snyders in
 Bloomingdale, 2 of them Benjamin S. Snyders.
 The other Benjamin S. (1835-1911) was the son
 of Christian J. and Magdalena Shantz. He was
 a farmer of the Oxbow Farm and a school
 trustee. He was known as "River Ben" and he
 was deaf.
 Sources: Eby #6261; Schweitzers pp188-190

SNYDER, DANIEL,

Township Council: One of two assessors in 1822-Samuel Erb was the other; Waterloo Township Councillor in 1853 ward 3, 1854, 1855, 1856, 1857. Reeve of Waterloo Village 1862

Years: 5

Born: 1797, Dec 21 **Died:** 1884, March 14

Family: son of Christian and Elizabeth Erb

Address: Waterloo after 1833

Occupation: Merchant

Origin: PA, Franklin Co

Migration date: 1806

Spouse: Nancy Erb

Religion: Mennonite?

Landholdings: GCT51 in 1831

Locality: Waterloo

Notes: Daniel E. Schneider (Eby #5988)

1797-1884 who lived 2 miles south of Berlin on a farm, then was a merchant in Waterloo. Opened a retail store in Waterloo at an early date. Uttley says a Daniel Snyder was the first Waterloo postmaster.

* Service on Township council to 1857 is consistent as Waterloo village incorporated in that year

Sources: Eby #5988; photo in WHS1928 16:30 p30

SNYDER, JOSEPH S.,

Township Council: Councillor 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907; Deputy Reeve in 1918 and 1919

Years: 8

Born: 1851, March 25 **Died:** 1931, Feb. 19

Family: son of Jonas B. and Rebecca

Stauffer, grandson of John and great-grandson of "Yoch" (Eby #6283)

Address: WT9, old Jonathan Bowman Farm, a little north of Bloomingdale

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Lucinda Snyder

Children: Ervine Alba; Herbert N.; Lilliam Arabella; Alfred Ira; Elmina L. (Eby); Alda Elmina (Schweitzer); Irene Jemima; Lucy Lauretta; Ion Joseph; Elma Vinetta; Elenor Elidia (Eby); Eleanor Allegra (Schweitzer)

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: WT9

Acres: 200

Locality: Bloomingdale

Organizations: Bloomingdale Mennonite Church Waterloo Tp, SS 12, Bloomingdale

Notes: The Schweitzers spell the name with a Y, and it is definitely the township councillor they are referring to. A Joseph S. Snyder was appointed with Daniel Snyder on June 6, 1881 to inspect the West Montrose covered bridge (WHS1977 65:29). He served as trustee for Bloomingdale school. The farm was run in the old-fashioned way: hydro and telephone lines were not brought in until 1939. Rumour has it that a confidence trickster, a Mr Pritschau, cheated Joseph out of \$40,000 before the First World War (Schweitzers).

Sources: 100 years of progress; Eby #6283; WHS1977 65:29; there is no "Joseph Snider" in WRP database, though there is a "Joseph S. Snyder" - Schweitzers. In his obituary, it is a "y". Photo p27 in 100 years.

SNYDER, MENNO S.,

Township Council: Councillor 1918, 1919, 1920; Deputy Reeve 1921, 1922; First Deputy Reeve 1923

Years: 6

Born: 1860, Oct. 4 **Died:** 1928, Sept. 5

Family: Son of Mary (Polly) Snyder

Address: Bloomingdale

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: unmarried

Children: none

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: WT11

Acres: 131

Locality: Bloomingdale

Organizations: Conestogo Mill

Notes: Son of Mary (Polly), described by Schweitzers as unmarried, keeping house for her father and brothers. I suppose everyone knew who the father was, but it not revealed in written records. His parentage did not seem to inhibit Menno S., who was "highly esteemed by all parties in the community" (Schweitzers p157) It is also stated that "Polly Snyder was a character, saying exactly what she thought to anyone, at any time, at any place". There were two Menno S. Sniders (Snyder), but Schweitzer covers both well and makes it very clear that the councillor Snider was a bachelor, son of Mary (Polly), and a farmer.

* He tried and failed to qualify as a teacher but was a successful farmer. He was auditor for the township from 1908 to 1917, and served as a trustee of SS 12, Bloomingdale. As a young man he played on the Bloomingdale Football Team and was a member of the debating society. There is a story of him driving a new car to Berlin and shouting "whoa" when the car got out of control. **Sources:** Eby #6298; Schweitzers p157

STAUFFER, JOSIAH S.,
Township Council: Councillor 1905, 1906,
 1907; Deputy Reeve 1908, 1909; Reeve 1910,
 1911
Years: 7 **R-years:** 2
Born: 1864, Sept 18 **Died:** 1925, Feb 25
Family: son of Levi and Esther Snider
Address: GCT33, 214 acres/farm 2 miles west
 of Waterloo on the Hallman road; "old Beatty
 place" (Eby)
Occupation: Farmer; Manager, North Waterloo
 Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 (re-elected in 1914 and 1915)
Spouse: Isobel Wilson
Children: Harley; Clarence; Mary; Violet
Religion: UBrethren; Methodist
Politics: Liberal
Landholdings: GCT33
Acres: 180
Locality: Rummelhardt
Organizations: North Waterloo Farmers'
 Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 North Waterloo Liberal Conservative
 Association
 Waterloo Tp Board of Health
 Waterloo Methodist Church
Notes: Successfully farmed 22 years
 * 1909 - succeeded father as manager of North
 Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 "During his occupancy of the office the growth
 of the company has been most encouraging and
 today it occupies a place of leadership among
 the Farm Mutuals of the Dominion" (obit WC)
 * 1923 - retired and moved into Waterloo
 * had a strong personality and was a "true
 citizen" (obit WC)
 * Served on Waterloo Tp Board of Health for
 some years before 1925.
Sources: Eby #7398; photo in 100 years p27

STAUFFER, LEVI,
Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve 1873;
 First Deputy Reeve 1874; Treasurer 1891
Years: 2
Born: 1839, Sept 19 **Died:** 1909, Oct 16
Family: only son of Joseph and Rebecca
 Rosenberger
Address: GCT33, 214 acres/farm 2 miles west
 of Waterloo on the Hallman road; Waterloo at
 Herbert/George Streets
Occupation: Farmer/Insurance
Spouse: Esther Snider
Children: Matilda Joanna (m. Alexander
 Wilson); Lydia Ann (m. Ezra S. Shantz),
 Haysville ; Josiah; Clementina (m. Ephraim
 Groh), Iowa; Alfarata (m. James Mitchell) nr
 Waterloo; Annetta Rebecca (m. Charles Moore),
 Unionville, Michigan; Mary Jane (m. Hallman);
 Alfiemenia; Jessie Ann Judith (m. Hallman),
 Ellington, Michigan ; Lorne Levi, New Dundee
Religion: UBrethren
Politics: Liberal (North Waterloo Reform
 Association)
Landholdings: GCT33
Acres: 211
Locality: Rummelhardt
Organizations: North Waterloo Farmers'
 Mutual Fire Insurance Co.
 United Brethren Church, Berlin
 Waterloo Methodist Church
 North Waterloo Reform Association
Notes: Second farm, the old Beatty or
 Heckendon farm, by his son Josiah
 * Stauffer was one of the founders of the
 North Waterloo Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance
 Company in 1874, and its first manager in
 1876, an office he held until his death. He
 was a prominent member of the United
 Brethren Church (but later Methodist?). His
 granddaughter recalled that Stauffer was
 stern but had a good sense of humour, and was
 a great believer in education. He gave a
 humorous talk at the 1909 Schneider reunion.

* Served on Waterloo Town Council 1905 to
 1907; member of Waterloo Board of Trade
 * "A good platform speaker...he was of a
 bright and jovial disposition with a
 well-known relish for a good story of which
 he had an unlimited supply, and kept himself
 well-informed on the questions of the day by
 constant reading."
Sources: Historical atlas; 100 years of
 progress; Eby #7395; KPL vf kwcb; obits in
 Berlin News Record 16/10/1909;
 Chronicle-Telegraph 21/10/1909. Photo 100
 years p45; of house at Herbert/George 100
 years p39

STECKLE, JOHN,
Township Council: Councillor 1934, 1935,
 1936, 1937, 1938
Years: 5
Born: 1889, Nov 8 **Died:** 1981
Family: son of Henry and Lydia Shantz
Address: 811 Bleams Road, RR#2, Kitchener
Occupation: Farmer/Breeder
Spouse: Susannah Chase (the first woman in Canada to get an agricultural degree--in Horticultural Science from OAC)
Children: Jean; Robert
Religion: Mennonite
Landholdings: BET
Acres: 176
Locality: Williamsburg
Organizations: Waterloo Holstein Breeders Association
 Waterloo Cattle Breeders Association
 Children's Aid Society of Waterloo County
 Weber Mennonite Church, Strasburg
 Doon Pioneer Village
 Waterloo County Sugar Beet Growers Association.
 Grand River Conservation Authority
 Waterloo County Trustees and Ratepayers Association
 Crop Improvement Association of Waterloo County
 Twin City Milk Producers Association
 Twin City Transport Co-operative
 Huron District Woodlot Association
 New Dundee Co-operative Creamery Ltd
 Waterloo County Co-operative
 Waterloo County Federation of Agriculture
 Ontario Agricultural College
 Waterloo Township District High School Board
 Waterloo Township Area 3 School Board
 Waterloo Tp, SS 7, Williamsburg
Notes: In 1919 he helped organized the Waterloo County Sugar Beet Growers Association and was its first secretary. He graduated from the Ontario Agricultural

College in Animal Husbandry in 1920, and was the first president of the Waterloo Holstein Association. He helped to found the Waterloo Cattle Breeders Association, and was a director of the Canadian Holstein Friesian Association. He raised purebred Suffolk sheep, Holstein cattle, Yorkshire pigs and Morgan horses. Both he and his father were cheesemakers. Steckle was an owner of a century farm, the first owner being George Bechtel, an ancestor through his paternal grandmother (WHS1967 55:57).

* He was a member of the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame, and was inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame in 1983.

* "He believed strongly in the controversial amalgamation of one-room, eight-grade schools into larger school districts."

* A talk by J. Steckle to members of the Waterloo Historical Society in 1965 was taped, transcribed, edited, and published (WHS1965 53:47-52), "John Steckle recollects."

* He donated a three hectare sugar maple bush to the City of Kitchener in 1967, and in 1977 he donated, and with Paul Tuerr helped finance, the moving of the Sam Bricker barn from his farm to Doon Pioneer Village.

* "Much of the homestead he farmed has been developed as Glen Forest subdivision." He had 175 acres, 140 arable and 35 of bush. During the 1920s, some of the first pheasants in Canada were raised on the farm from eggs. In 1929-30 seven acres of apple trees were planted.

* Farmstead being preserved as J. Steckle Heritage Homestead, with Dr Jean Steckle as president, to provide "agricultural, educational and recreational programmes and opportunities responsive to the children and youth in the Region of Waterloo based on the use of the farmland and the heritage

resources" (KPL vf).

Sources: KPL vf stecklef; WHS1965 53:47-52; WHS1967 55:57; full-page photo in Burkholder p481

TILT, WILLIAM W.,
Township Council: Councillor 1927, 1928,
1929, 1930, 1931; Deputy Reeve 1932

Years: 6

Born: 1888 Died: 1932, Feb 6

Family: son of George A. Tilt and Pauline
Walder

Address: Blair

Occupation: Drover with lumber business;
later insurance

Spouse: Louisa Good

Children: William

Religion: Prot

Politics: Liberal "active in party
organizations"

Landholdings: Blair

Acres: 21

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Galt Business College

Waterloo Township Council

Blair Hornets Hockey Club

Preston Springs Driving Club

Waterloo Tp, SS 1, Blair

Doon-Blair Board of Trade

Notes: Born in Blair; educated at Blair
school, Galt Business College and Guelph
short course. His father was clerk of
Waterloo Township for 35 years, and his
grandfather for 20 years. In 1932, "polled
the largest vote ever accorded a deputy-reeve
of the township in the past 20 years".

Prominent mason and shriner; managed the
Blair Hornets hockey club; secretary of
Preston Springs Driving Club "during the time
of its existence". One of his outstanding
characteristics was his "outspoken manner"
(obit). Died of heart attack. Widow Louisa
continued insurance business, having most of
the township's business.

* Director of Doon-Blair Board of Trade, and
leader in 1932 organization; "with his
co-operation it was believed that much good
could have been derived by the twin villages

owing to his presence on the county council"
(obit)

Sources: photo with obit in Galt Reporter
6/2/1932 (also 8/2/1932 and 10/2/1932)

VEITCH, ROBERT J.,

Township Council: Councillor 1914, 1915,
1916, 1917, 1920, 1921, 1922; Second Deputy
Reeve 1923; First Deputy Reeve 1924; Reeve
1926

Years: 10 R-years: 1

Born: 1865, March 11 Died: 1943, Aug 2

Family: son of James Veitch and Mary Ann
Hastie

Address: Roseville

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Margaret McAlister; Margaret Milroy

Children: Maye; Jennie; Melville; Clare;
Dorothy

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: BNS6/7

Acres: 149

Locality: English Settlement

Organizations: Knox's Presbyterian Church, Galt
South Waterloo Agricultural Society
North Dumfries Plowmen's Association

Notes: Born near Roseville on farm later
owned by Floyd Becker, the last of a pioneer
family of 13 children

* After leaving school, lived in Galt for a
few years; then in c1938 went to live with
brother-in-law, John Milroy, on Cedar Creek
Road; farmed in BNS6/7 on townline;
"successful farmer" (obit)

* Mr Veitch was warden of the County in 1926,
an honorary director of the South Waterloo
Agricultural Society, a director of the North
Dumfries Plowmen's association, and one of
the oldest members of Knox's Presbyterian
session.

Sources: clipping from the Cedar Creek
Cemetery register (KPL); obit Ayr News
5/8/1943 p3; photo in Cowan

VOISIN, EDWARD,
Township Council: Councillor 1968, 1969;
Deputy Reeve 1970, 1971, 1972

Years: 5

Born: 1938, Jan 2

Address: Breslau

Occupation: General storekeeper

Origin: Formosa-Teeswater farm

Migration date: 1958 to Kitchener

Spouse: Betty

Children: Kim; Douglas

Religion: RCatholic

Locality: Breslau

Organizations: Breslau Recreation Club

Knights of Columbus

Notes: Worked first in Kitchener at Weston's Bakery, then bought Breslau general store (previously Schiedel's) in 1964 (it burned down about 1973). Customers urged him to run for council, and in 1969 contested deputy reeveship and defeated Arthur Kennedy.

* From about 1972, was sales rep for oil company.

* Recalls frustration of, as councillor, rubber-stamping decisions really made by others. Remembers most important achievement for his community being a solution to the problem of surface water in Breslau ditches. Voisin was Roads Committee chair and with George Bone worked out an efficient low-cost solution.

* Served as chair of fire, police and roads committees and was acting reeve virtually a whole year while Ted Isley was ill.

Sources: Newspaper

WEBER, LORNE B.,
Township Council: Councillor 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935; Deputy Reeve 1936, 1937; Reeve 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943

Years: 12 R-years: 6

Born: 1900 Died: 1986, Dec 2

Family: son of Noah S. and Catherine Brubacher

Address: 527 King Street North, Waterloo

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Sylvia Brown

Children: none

Religion: Evangelical

Landholdings: GCT8

Acres: 111

Locality: Martin's

Organizations: Emmanuel United Church, Waterloo

Pennsylvania German Folklore Society

Notes: Father was Noah S. Weber (1868-1963) a member of Erb St Mennonite Church who farmed 2/3 miles north of Waterloo, a progressive farmer. New farm buildings said by Eby (#7875) to be nearly opposite old Conrad Schmitt hotel, on north part of "old Weber" farm

* Re-elected reeve for 1944, but resigned

February to become township assessor/collector under new system.

* Member of Emmanuel United Church and life member of the Pennsylvania German Folklore Society. In 1952, with Amzie Martin in a conestoga wagon re-enacted the journey of Mennonites from Pennsylvania to mark the Waterloo County Centennial. He wrote about the trip for the 1952 WHS. He died of a heart attack.

Sources: EBY #7875; WPL vf; KPL vf watco cb; there are some interesting photographs of Weber at Waterloo Public Library, one where he is wearing an Indian headdress, another where he is in his overalls, and the conestoga wagon is in the background

WEBER, NOAH,
Township Council: Second Deputy Reeve 1895, 1896; First Deputy Reeve 1897, 1898; Reeve 1899

Years: 5 R-years: 1

Born: 1835, Sept 24 Died: 1925, Jan 26

Family: Son of David B. and Mary Lyons

Address: BT7, Strasburg

Occupation: Farmer/miller

Spouse: Elizabeth Kolb

Children: Manasseh; Hannah (m. Samuel Brado); Amanda (m. Frederick Krampien); Menno; Magdalena (m. George Ament); Mariah (m. Edward Doepl); Ephraim; Lucinda; Bertha Religion: NMennonite

Landholdings: BT7

Acres: 267

Locality: Strasburg

Notes: His wife died in 1885. Operated sawmill at which E.W.B. Snider reports him as cutting a pine log about twenty feet long and about 4 and a half feet in diameter.

Sources: Eby #7787

WILLS, JOHN R.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1962, 1963
 (resigned Feb 1963)
Years: 2
Born: 1915 **Died:** 1981, July 15
Family: son of Thomas Wills and Mary Gainey
Address: Lexington; 902-65 Westmount Road,
 Waterloo
Occupation: Insurance company branch manager
Origin: England
Spouse: Doris Spencer
Children: Bruce; Clive; John; Valerie (m.
 Barney Vogen); Pamela; Chris (m. Arthur
 Ziegler)
Locality: Lexington
Organizations: Royal Canadian Legion,
 Kitchener Branch #50
Notes: John Wills was employed with London
 Life Insurance Company in Kitchener and
 Brantford, and later became supervisor of the
 Canada Manpower office in Kitchener.
 * Believe he resigned in 1963? According to
 a newspaper article dated May 15, 1962,
 "Controversy over Waterloo Township Schools:
 red hot school battle resumes tonight's
 meet", Councillor Wills had been absent for a
 council meeting held May 7th: "He had
 suffered a heart attack and was in
 hospital...in a later interview from a
 hospital bed Councillor Wills criticized
 Reeve Burton for not voting against the
 motion which would have caused the resolution
 [to vote against rehearing the case for
 reopening Kossuth and Vance schools] to be
 lost." It was John Wills and James Johannes
 vs Clayton Rickert and Kenard Snider.
Sources: Newspapers; obit KWR 17/7/1981p23

WILLSON, EPHRAIM WILLIAM,
 Township Council: Councillor 1916, 1917
Years: 2
Born: 1862, Aug 26 **Died:** 1950, Sept 11
Family: son of Isaac and Mary McCloy
Address: Hemlock Grove Farm, GCT37, 3 miles
 west of Kitchener and south of Highways 7 and
 8
Occupation: Farmer
Spouse: Mary Anthes
Children: Leslie; Ford; William Clare; Norma
 (m. Harry Hattin); Marthabelle (m. W.A. Cook)
Religion: Methodist; United
Landholdings: GCT37-E
Acres: 224
Locality: Elmdale
Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 8, Elmdale
 Trinity Methodist Church, Berlin
 Trinity United Church, Kitchener
Notes: Took over his father's farm in 1883
 when he was 21, after the death of his
 father. Reunited N and S sections from 1890
 * Secretary-treasurer of Elmdale School for
 30 years (WHS1958 46:51), and a trustee for
 40 years. He was known as a lover of good
 horses and a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and
 Leicester sheep. His farm was described as a
 family gathering place, with seldom a weekend
 passing without some relative being on hand.
 E.W. was an active member of Trinity
 Methodist Church. Known as "Will Willson."
 * 1947 - sold farm and moved to Kitchener
 where he lived with his widowed daughter,
 Norma
Sources: WHS1958 46:51

WISMER, MOSES E.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1874
Years: 1
Born: 1846, April 9 **Died:** 1921, Dec 31
Family: Son of Daniel Wismer
Address: German Mills, Bechtel Tract,
 north-eastern portion; Doon; Preston
Occupation: Farmer; Gristmill owner
Spouse: Magdalena Snider
Children: Orphan Henry; Addison Milo;
 Malinda Jane; Nelson Alby; Norman Granson;
 Moses Alexander; Ermina Isabella; Alice
 Salome; Herbert Daniel
Religion: Mennonite
Politics: Liberal
Landholdings: GCT54?/BET
Acres: 163
Locality: Centreville
Organizations: Doon Mills
 Preston Town Council
Notes: Farmed 163 acres (Historical atlas
 p32) Berlin, Bechtel Tract; after marriage
 moved to the old Wismer farm 3 miles SE
 Berlin where he lived for 19 years; then
 moved to Doon; and then moved to a farm near
 Preston towards Blair on Fountain Street
 * Wismer owned the Doon gristmill begun by
 Adam Ferrie until the late 1880s as a partner
 of T. and A.B. Snider. He was also a school
 trustee and a member of Preston Town Council
 for many years. He died while feeding cattle
 at his Blair farm. The Waterloo Chronicle
 called him "one of Preston's most outstanding
 men in public life" and "one of the best
 posted men in politics in this part of the
 country." The Galt Reporter noted that his
 "funeral was very largely attended, which
 went to show the high esteem in which the
 deceased was held." Buried in East End
 Mennonite Church.
Sources: Historical atlas; 1871 census; Eby
 #8168; obit in WC under the Preston section;
 notice in Galt Reporter 6/1922

WOOD, JAMES R.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1916, 1917,
 1932, 1933; Deputy Reeve 1934, 1935
 Years: 6
 Born: 1876, Oct 29 Died: 1935, Oct 6
 Family: son of John S. Wood of Winterbourne
 Address: Breslau road, near Preston
 Occupation: Farmer
 Spouse: Elizabeth Henderson
 Children: Robert; Elizabeth; Janet; Helen;
 Margaret
 Religion: Presbyterian
 Politics: Liberal
 Landholdings: BBF23-26
 Acres: 178
 Locality: Maple Grove
 Organizations: Maple Grove Farmers' Club
 Knox Presbyterian Church, Preston
 South Waterloo Liberal Association
 Notes: Assisted in the formation of the
 Preston Farmers' Institute Club in 1908,
 later changed to the Maple Grove Farmers Club
 in 1911. He was known for his political
 banter with Oscar Dessler during the lunch
 hour of that organization (WHS1986 74:143). A
 member of the County Agricultural Advisory
 Board and was active in educational affairs.
 He died in office following an operation.
 Sources: WHS1986 74:143; photo with obit
 Waterloo Chronicle 10/10/1935 front page

WOOLNER, ISAAC H.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1872, 1874;
 First Deputy Reeve 1873, 1877, 1878; Second
 Deputy Reeve 1875, 1876
 Years: 7
 Born: 1824, Nov Died: 1896, Aug 27
 Family: Son of Isaac and Sarah Hembling
 Address: GCT46/few miles west of Berlin
 Occupation: Farmer
 Origin: England
 Spouse: Lydia Watson
 Children: Isaac, and not sure who else--
 Religion: Mennonite
 Landholdings: GCT46; also GCT103/110 (1886
 voters' list)
 Acres: 179
 Locality: Nine Pines
 Notes: He was listed under the constables'
 account in the council of Waterloo, dated
 1868 (WHS1989 77:5), and so was probably
 hired or sworn in for some particular case or
 court proceeding.
 * "The funeral of the late Isaac Woolner was
 very largely attended on Sunday, being one of
 the largest attended in the district for
 years" (Berlin News Record 31/8/1896). Buried
 in Latschar Mennonite Cemetery, Mannheim.
 Sources: Eby #8357; KPL vf on Ward Woolner
 mentions the Woolner family; there is
 reference to an Isaac N. Woolner, who married
 Margaret Willson and had four children,
 WHS1949 37:40. No obit in Galt paper, NHI,
 Reformer; short notes in Berlin News Record
 28/8/1896 and 31/8/1896

ZINGER, JOSEPH A.,
 Township Council: Councillor 1953, 1954,
 1955; Deputy Reeve 1956, 1957

Years: 5

Born: 1918, July 19

Family: Son of Albert E. and Helen Steffler

Address: Maryhill, RR #1 Breslau

Occupation: Farmer; Plumbing and Building Inspector, Zoning Administrator for Township, 1960-1972

Origin: Alsace (great-grandparents emigrated in 1832)

Spouse: Marjorie J. Hicknell

Religion: RCatholic

Politics: CCF candidate for Waterloo North in 1951 provincial election; Liberal

Landholdings: GCT80/GCT79; 145 acre farm, 1947-1993

Acres: 145

Locality: Maryhill

Organizations: Knights of Columbus, Maryhill (founding Grand Knight)

Waterloo County Hospitalization Co-operative (founding president)

Breslau-Maryhill Credit Union (founding member)

North Waterloo Soft Ball Association (president, 1947-1950)

Waterloo County Horse Shoe Players Association (founding president)

Senators Club (for former members of Waterloo County Council)

St Boniface and Maryhill Community Historical Society

Century Homesteads Club

St Boniface Roman Catholic Church, Maryhill

Notes: After reaching Grade 10, attended OAC for three terms, and later one term at GCVI for bookkeeping and business administration. During WWII he worked at Beatty's in Fergus, building pillar-boxes for battleships and doing jobs connected with carpentry, plumbing and maintenance.

* After the war he bought his father's farm and was a member of the local school board.

* Asked to run as a local councillor following the 1951 election for MPP which he contested for the CCF against the incumbent MPP (Jack Brown) and the Mayor of Kitchener (Dr Stanley Leavine), the three candidates being only 200 votes apart. He spent 3 months campaigning for MPP, and 2 weeks campaigning for councillor. During 1956, the township clerk was often ill, and Zinger recorded proceedings at council meetings until a new clerk was hired. He didn't run for office in 1959 because of his father's ill-health,

* Became township's building and plumbing inspector from 1960 to 1972. He was also the person in the Waterloo Township Centennial Committee in 1967 responsible for the parade.

* Following regionalization, he was a member of Woolwich Council from 1977 to 1988. He began the Senators Club, which includes anyone who was ever a member of the County Council, and was founding Grand Knight of Knights of Columbus group in the Maryhill area (450 members). Editor of various historical publications: including New Germany 1867 Maryhill 1967; St Boniface Church Centennial 1877-1977; St Boniface and Maryhill Community Historical Society, 1977-1982. Church usher at St Boniface for 60 years. Owns and operates a century farm north of Maryhill.

Sources: WHS vf; KPL OHT

PART C: OFFICIALS OF WATERLOO TOWNSHIP, 1850-1972 (UNELECTED)

from	to	name	born	died	religion	occupation	land	township service
1850	1861	Shoemaker, David S.	1820	1891	Presbyteri	Merchant	Bridgepor	Clerk 1850-1861; Treasurer 1854-1861 (Elias Eby treasurer in 1862)
1850	1853	Ahrens, Charles H.	1803	1854	Swedenborg	Merchant; owned	Berlin	Treasurer 1850-1853, David S. Shoemaker becoming treasurer in 1854
1862	1882	Tilt, William	1805	1883	Baptist	Conveyancer	Blair	Clerk 1862-1882 (appointed 1861)
1865	1890	Bowman, Isaac L.	1830	1893	UBrethren	Teacher,	GCT53	20 Treasurer from 1865-1890 (Levi Stauffer treasurer in 1891)
1883	1918	Tilt, George A.	1857	1927	Lutheran	Merchant	Blair	Clerk 1883-1918 (Peter A. Snider became clerk in 1918)
1892	1911	Shirk, Peter	1839	1919	Mennonite	Miller,	GCT59	30 Treasurer from 1892-1911 (in 1912 George M. Shirk became Treasurer)
1912	1927	Shirk, George M.	1870	1928	Evangelica	Miller		Treasurer from 1912-1927, succeeding his father, Peter Shirk. Allen Shirk, his son, became Treasurer in 1928.
1918	1947	Snider, Peter A. (Alba)	1866	1955	UBrethren	Farmer		Clerk 1918-1947. In 1948 he resigned and was succeeded by Leslie F. Bowman.
1928	1948	Shirk, Allen	c189	1984	N	Coal merchant	Bridgeport	Treasurer 1928-1948, including both 1928 and 1948, following the death of his father
1956	1956	Brighton, John						Clerk 1956
1956	1957	Matthews, Benjamin						Treasurer 1956, 1957
1957	1972	Cooper, Gordon		1920				Clerk 1957; Clerk/Treasurer

PROFILES OF OFFICIALS OF WATERLOO TOWNSHIP, 1850-1972

AHRENS, CHARLES H.

Township Council: Treasurer 1850-1853

Born: 1803, Mar 12 Died: 1854, Aug 21

Family: son of a nobleman, but dropped the "von" because there was another Carl Ahrens in Berlin, and called himself Carl H. (Uttley); uncle of Charles Andrew Ahrens

Address: Berlin

Occupation: Merchant; owned foundry on Foundry Street, later Ontario Street; Millwright

Origin: Germany, Holzstein

Migration date: 1835 (Uttley)

Spouse: Elisabeth Gaukel

Children: Herman F.; Caroline Catharine (wife of Dr Samuel L. Hughes); Emmanuel; John E; Alfred E.; Nancy

Religion: Swedenborgian

Landholdings: Berlin

Locality: Berlin

Organizations: Huber and Ahrens Foundry, Berlin Notes: 1840 - with Henry S. Huber opened foundry; Uttley says that remodelled

Shoemaker's mill at Bridgeport when met Huber.

* 1851 - Huber and Ahrens opened general store on American House corner and their foundry to make stoves and threshing machines. Uttley says they cast a cannon to celebrate the opening of courthouse. 1851 census describes foundry as steam-powered and employing 11.

* 1852 - first Treasurer of Waterloo County. Uttley says that his office was only opened on Saturday and his salary was 50 pounds a year; also that he gave up the office when much of his salary began to go towards free dinners, entertaining the men from the northern part of the county.

Sources: 1851 census; widow in mentioned in 1871 census; Uttley

BOWMAN, ISAAC L.

Township Council: Treasurer from 1865-1890 (Levi Stauffer treasurer in 1891)

Born: 1830, May 23 Died: 1893, February 3

Family: youngest son of John B. and Nancy Bechtel, nephew of Jonathan Bauman

Address: Berlin

Occupation: Teacher, Provincial Land Surveyor

Spouse: Elizabeth Meyer

Children: Leander; Arthur; Franklin; Hervey

Religion: UBrethren

Landholdings: GCT53

Acres: 20

Locality: Freeport

Organizations: United Brethren in Christ Freeport Academy

Notes: Bowman was born near Freeport, later attending Oberlin College, Ohio from 1852-56. He taught public school and in 1860 was school inspector in Waterloo Township until a change in the school law was made in 1871. Listed as surveyor in Waterloo County

Directory for 1884-85 by W.W. Evans (Snyders p.231). He was a lay preacher for the United Brethren Church. In 1851 he was appointed Engineer of Wilmot Township (WHS1962 50:67). He was the first principal of Freeport Academy in 1867: photograph of him with pupils and staff (WHS 1924 12:110). In 1869 Bowman reported two Sunday Schools with 150 pupils and 13 Sunday School teachers at Bridgeport School.(WHS1979 67:55). He died of paralysis.

Sources: Eby #244; Snyders; Freeport Academy, 1867 photograph with pupils and staff WHS1924 12:110; WHS1962 50:67; WHS1979 67:55.

BRIGHTON, JOHN,

Township Council: Clerk 1956

Sources: Newspaper; not in Waterloo Tp cemetery records, or at Kitchener Mt Hope or Waterloo Parkview

COOPER, GORDON,

Township Council: Clerk 1957;
Clerk/Treasurer 1958-1972

Born: 1920?; 61 in 1981

Address: 31 Parkway Drive, Kitchener

Notes: He was clerk of Wellesley township in 1949, and following regionalization became clerk-administrator of Woolwich township. He retired in 1981 due to health problems. He suffered a heart attack in November 1978 and returned to work part-time in the spring of 1979, resuming work full-time the following year.

Sources: photo KPL vf cbkw

MATTHEWS, BENJAMIN,

Township Council: Treasurer 1956, 1957

SHIRK, ALLEN,

Township Council: Treasurer 1928-1948, including both 1928 and 1948, following the death of his father

Born: c1896 (88 years old when he died)

Died: 1984, April 12

Family: Son of George M. Shirk

Address: 70 Earl St, Kitchener

Occupation: Shirk Coal and Fuel Oil Co. and two service stations

Spouse: Anne Braithwaite

Children: Don-died in 1979; Grant; Keith-died in 1975; Mary Hudson

Religion: N

Politics: N

Landholdings: 100 acre farm in Bamberg

Organizations: Allen Shirk Ltd.

Westmount Golf and Country Club, Kitchener

Kitchener-Waterloo Rotary Club

Kitchener-Waterloo Granite Club

Kitchener-Waterloo Sales and Ad Club

Waterloo County Shrine Club

Waterloo Masonic Lodge

Notes: Was a bookkeeper in father's Baden feed mill and served in the First World War as a bayonet and physical training instructor
 * 1919-bought Harry Schade's shares in the coal company that Schade had been partners with George M. Shirk

* 1927-acquired his father's shares in the coal company and started a service station at Lancaster Street and Shirk Place with two pumps, selling Robin Hood or Imperial gas.

* At one point the Shirks operated three service stations: one in Bridgeport and two in Waterloo. For a brief period they also ran a Western Tire automotive accessories store on Weber Street, Waterloo, across from Forbes Motors Ltd.

* Served for years as a car licence examiner. He learned to drive himself in a 1912 Cadillac ragtop c1918.

* Known for wearing fedoras (check out the

photos in the KPLvf); he had a stroke in 1980.

* "The Shirks excelled in golf. They won the Canadian Father and Sons Golf Tournament five times. Shirk also won the Waterloo Tennis championship in the early 1930s" (KWR 29/1/1980)

Sources: Bridgeport Tweedsmuir, reel 3, which includes articles from the KWR 22/3/1957, 5/4/1980, 29/1/1980; KPLvf

SHIRK, GEORGE M.,

Township Council: Treasurer from 1912-1927, succeeding his father, Peter Shirk. Allen Shirk, his son, became Treasurer in 1928.

Born: 1870, April 4 Died: 1928, Oct 7

Family: son of Peter and Magdalena Martin

Address: Bridgeport

Occupation: Miller

Spouse: Alvina Snyder

Children: Allen; Era (m. Fred Capling); Elma (m. J.H. Shaw; Ada (m. J.H. Weber)

Religion: Evangelical

Politics: Liberal

Locality: Bridgeport

Organizations: Shirk and Snider Ltd,

Bridgeport

Baden Mills

Zion Evangelical Church, Berlin

Waterloo County Canadian Club

Kitchener Board of Trade

Toronto Board of Trade

Notes: George was Managing Director of Shirk and Snider Ltd in 1910, which operated the Bridgeport mills and the Baden flour mills. George followed his father in this position and was a well known miller in western Ontario. In 1926 he sold the business and began a coal and gravel business. A year later, his son Allen took charge of the coal business which he operated along with a gas service station. George died suddenly in Bridgeport of a heart attack.

Sources: Eby #5665; front page obituary in Waterloo Chronicle 11/10/1928 with photo

SHIRK, PETER,

Township Council: Treasurer from 1892-1911
(in 1912 George M. Shirk became Treasurer)

Born: 1839, November 11 **Died:** 1919,
October 1.

Family: son of Christian and Elizabeth Hoffman

Address: Bridgeport, GCT59

Occupation: Miller, merchant

Origin: PA, Lancaster County

Migration date: 1862 (Eby) /1861 (WHS1933 21:63)

Spouse: Magdalena Martin; Judith Weber Krempien

Children: Anna (m. William Kraft); Peter (WHS1933 21:65); George; Emma; Elizabeth; Catharine; Martin; Magdalena; John; Maria; Noah; Lydia; Veronica; Barbara

Religion: Mennonite

Landholdings: GCT59

Acres: 30

Locality: Bridgeport

Organizations: Shirk and Snider Ltd,

Bridgeport

Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate Board

Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate and Vocational Institute

Berlin High School Board

Blair Mills

Baden Mills

Lancaster Mills, Bridgeport

Union Mills, Waterloo

Waterloo Tp, SS 11, Bridgeport

Martin's Meeting House

Notes: Eby sees him as the quintessential self-made man. He arrived at his uncle Jacob Hoffman's place, and worked for two months in his sawmill. He went to Waterloo and and worked at the Union Mills until Dec. 1, 1866, when he bought the Blair Mills (Carlisle Mills, built by Samuel B. Bowman). In 1869 he sold Blair Mills and became part owner of Shirk & Snider, of Bridgeport with S.S. Snider. He was responsible for the

construction of a spur by the Grand Trunk Railway to the mill. In 1887 Mr Snider retired, leaving Mr Shirk sole owner. He also owned a grist mill in Baden, and was assisted by his son, George. In addition to the grist mills, he also owned a operated a cooperage, supplying barrels for the mills. He was a Berlin High School Trustee from 1878 to 1904, a Trustee of Common Schools, a trustee of Bridgeport school in 1879. He was instrumental in adding Manual Training and Household Science added to the high school curriculum. He was inducted into the Waterloo County Hall of Fame in 1973.

Sources: Eby #5663; WHS1933 21:63,65; Hall of Fame photo

SHOEMAKER, DAVID S.,

Township Council: Clerk 1850-1861; Treasurer 1854-1861 (Elias Eby treasurer in 1862)

Born: 1820, Jan 7 **Died:** 1891, Jan 6

Family: youngest child of John and Mary Shantz, brother of Jacob S.

Address: Bridgeport/Berlin

Occupation: Merchant

Origin: PA, Montgomery Co

Migration date: 1829

Spouse: Margaret W. Knickerbocker; Elizabeth Louisa Knickerbocker

Children: Mary; John Henry; David Cameron; Barnabas Garret; Adam Johnston (census) or Johnson A. (Eby); Mary Amelia (m. John F. Snoor); Margaret A. (m. John W. Wright); Georgiana E.; Charles P.; Emma N. (m. Jerome Rauck); Margaret W.; Sarah E.; Catharine M.; Grace W.; Alice A.

Religion: Presbyterian

Landholdings: Bridgeport

Locality: Berlin

Organizations: Berlin Grammar School Board of Trustees

Simpson Furniture Co., Berlin

Notes: David spent his younger years in Waterloo Township as a clerk, later carrying on a business in Bridgeport and then Berlin. He was first married in 1841. His wife died at Bridgeport in 1860. After his second marriage in May 1864, they moved to Three Rivers, Michigan. He had 11 children with his first wife, and 4 with his second. He owned a cut stone building on Duke Street in Berlin, constructed in 1860 and intended for a bank and an agent's residence. Shoemaker was a member of the first Board of Trustees for Berlin Grammar School in 1855 and Waterloo County Registrar from 1853-1863.

Sources: 1851 census; Eby #7025

SNIDER, PETER A. (ALBA),

Township Council: Clerk 1918-1947. In 1948 he resigned and was succeeded by Leslie F. Bowman.

Born: 1866, Nov 18 Died: 1955, May 12

Family: son of Jacob S. and Magdalena Schneider

Address: GCT67, RR #3

Occupation: Farmer

Spouse: Eliza Jane Strong

Children: Harold Jacob; Maurice Robert; Alba Carlisle (died in infancy)

Religion: UBrethren

Politics: Liberal

Locality: Bloomingdale

Organizations: United Brethren Church, Bloomingdale

Notes: Snider was educated at Bloomingdale School and later attended a business college. In 1895 he was helping his brother Titus work their father's farm several miles NE of Bloomingdale. He married in 1910. He served as assessor and later as tax collector of Waterloo Township for 14 years.

Sources: Eby #6129; Schweitzers p173, photo

TILT, GEORGE A.,

Township Council: Clerk 1883-1918 (Peter A. Snider became clerk in 1918)

Born: 1857, Dec 16 Died: 1927, April 21

Address: Blair; "on the north side of highway...presently called Lambtann Haven Rest Home" (WHS1959 47:4); the farm was formerly Christian Schneider's near Doon (WHS1971 59:35); he moved to Preston at the end of his life

Occupation: Merchant

Spouse: Pauline Walder

Children: William; Lloyd; Ruth; Mrs Allan Maxwell

Religion: Lutheran

Politics: Liberal

Landholdings: Blair

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Preston Park Board

Notes: Appointed Township clerk on the death of his father in 1883, he retired in 1918. A Blair school trustee. Tilt was a police magistrate, a member of Preston Parks Board, the Mothers' Allowance Board, and the IOOF and AF & AM lodges. Buried in Preston cemetery.

* He was a dealer in all kinds of agricultural implements in Blair, cattle drover, and Justice of the Peace according to Jim Johannes (WHS1941 29:164). Agent for 35 years (until 1908) for the A.O. Wismer Co of Brantford and subsequently by the Massey-Harris Co. During this period he was also engaged in the cattle business with Menno Hallman of Roseville and John Brown of Galt.

* Donated land that was later part of the Cressman's Bush, on the banks of the Grand River between Doon and German Mills (WHS1943 31:31); according to W.H. Breithaupt, owned the oldest building in Waterloo County, "a stately log house, at Doon, built by Christian Schneider" (WHS1931 19:285-287).

Hosted great Schneider reunion of 1909.

Sources: 1871 census; obituaries in Prestonian, KWR, and Waterloo Chronicle; WHS1959 47:4; WHS1943 31:31; WHS1931 19:285-287; WHS1941 29:164; WHS1971 59:35

TILT, WILLIAM,

Township Council: Clerk 1862-1882 (appointed 1861)

Born: 1805, June 26 **Died:** 1883, April 3

Address: Blair house and lot

Occupation: Conveyancer (Historical atlas); School teacher (Consolidated by-laws 1913); Township clerk (1871 census); Merchant (Doon/Blair Tweedsmuir, 1851 census)

Origin: England - Surrey - Dorking

Migration date: 1832

Spouse: Jane Cossens; Caroline Cossens

Children: William; Louisa; Nathaniel; Francis; Thomas; Ann; Isaac; Arthur; Ellen; Caroline; George; Elizabeth; John; at his death, only 13 of his 17 children were still living...

Religion: Baptist; Christadelphian

Landholdings: Blair

Locality: Blair

Organizations: Waterloo Tp, SS 1, Blair

Waterloo Tp, SS 2, Strasburg

Notes: When he first came to Canada in 1832, under the auspices of the Petworth Emigration Committee, he taught the children of Mr Van Egmond and helped survey the Huron Road. His obituary from the Dumfries Reformer says "he came to Blair, where he taught for several years in a frame school that stood on the site of his late residence. Afterwards he was variously occupied till 1861 in running a tannery and in mercantile pursuits." "Like most Englishmen, had acquired an education above the ordinary and was most methodical in his work." He was a school teacher in 1835, teaching Waterloo Township School Sections 1 and 2, Blair and Strasburg (note, however, that these were not called sections until 1846 and not administered as distinct units until after 1850). Apparently he had as many as 81 pupils to teach in one particular year. It is said that he was a member of the Board of Examiners appointed to grant licenses to

teachers after the Common School Act was passed.

* The 1851 census lists eight children, though by that time he'd married again, and the 1871 census lists the other five. The second wife was his sister-in-law. He had a farm in Doon, which was bought by his son John. He died of heart disease.

* "He was a very methodical man, and we venture to say that a more correct, cleaner, neater, systematic set of books cannot be found in any Municipality in the Province than are his records during the twenty two years he held the position of Clerk" (1913 bylaws, written by his son): "his records are even now considered models of municipal system" (Berlin 1912 p.16)

Sources: Historical atlas; 1871 census; WHS1965; KPL vf watco cb; Doon/Blair Tweedsmuir; photo Confederation number p29

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